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COMMENT OF THE DAY

The Outcome

NEITHER the generalised statements of those attending the conference nor the interpretative efforts of newspaper observers have revealed very much of what has taken place at the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' meetings in London. Solid agreement appears to have been reached on a long-term plan for bolstering the Commonwealth's financial and economic position, although a sense of frustration is discernible in consequence of America's reluctance to extend assistance by the removal of impeding tariff barriers and her seeming indifference to the new British policy based on the slogan of "trade not aid."

It is evident that the talks which Mr. Eden and Mr. Butler had in Washington in March have disappointed Commonwealth hopes, and from the guarded observations which have been made by some of the Prime Ministers it appears that the plans of the last Commonwealth Conference for an approach to sterling convertibility have been stultified. Mr. Butler has always insisted that a balanced pattern of trade between dollar and non-dollar areas depends on the adoption of good creditor policies by the United States. These do not seem to be forthcoming—at least not to the extent necessary if a good balance is to be attained.

TWO positive results from the Commonwealth Conference can be recorded. One is that the Prime Ministers reached full accord on the subject of the Korean armistice conditions which has had the effect of solidifying the United Nations proposals and of providing strong moral backing to the UN negotiators. Secondly, agreement was attained on the questions which Sir Winston Churchill is to raise at the forthcoming Bermuda Conference, with special reference to the desirability of exploring proposals for four power top level talks. Sir Winston thus goes to Bermuda armed with the confidence and backing of his fellow Prime Ministers within the Commonwealth. His hand is accordingly greatly strengthened and his arguments will be given additional weight. Spectacular results from the London talks cannot be expected, but the value of these Commonwealth meetings is beyond doubt.

UNIFICATION OF GERMANY

BELIEVED NEARER

Reactions To Latest Soviet Reforms

MALENKOV "OPENS HIS WINDOW TO WEST"

Berlin, June 11.

Sweeping changes in East Germany, announced last night, have convinced a large section of both German and Western Allied opinion that the Russians genuinely want an agreement to reunite Germany—probably this year.

This time, it is believed, the Soviet Union really means business, and intends to break down the Iron Curtain in both Germany and Austria.

The new measures, including aid to private trade, return of land to farmers who fled to the West, freer travel and an amnesty for people imprisoned for owing taxes, were followed today by moves to halt land collectivisation.

One observer said that M. Georgi Malenkov, the Soviet Prime Minister, "has opened his window to the West."

Another more pessimistic school of thought considers that the new policy directives indicate no basic change in the Communist type political system inside East Germany.

The announcement was timed to influence the Bermuda big three conference and also the coming West German elections, in the view of some observers. In Bonn, leaders of Chancellor Konrad Adenauer's Christian Democrat Union considered the changes only tactical. They said the relaxation of Communist pressure could be considered "quite definitely a success for Western policy."

The whole tone of last night's announcement is seen as indicating a "softening" of Stalin-type Communism. The phrase "guaranteeing of the rights of the individual" reappeared after a long absence from East German Communist documents, as it has appeared in M. Malenkov's Russian News that refugees—especially farmers—would be welcomed back and returned their former property without punishment, as well as the dropping of a number of coercive, economic and legal measures against those who did not faithfully toe the party line, created the impression among students of Communism here that Stalin-Communism is on its way out in the "satellites" and is to be replaced by a milder, Malenkov-Communism. No one in West Berlin doubts that the latest moves will create jubilation among East Germany's 13,000,000 people.

The Political Bureau of the East German Socialist Unity (Communist) Party said the

prime purpose of the changes was to pave the way for German unity.

The announcement of the new programme was accompanied by an admission by the Socialist Unity Party that it had made "serious economic errors." Officials of the All-German Affairs Ministry in Bonn said Soviet authorities apparently had taken note of the West German demand that they must relax their tight hold on East Germany and create democratic conditions there as a prelude to free all German elections. But it remained to be seen, how the new directives would be carried out in practice.

Herr Heinrich Von Brentano, leader of the Christian Democrats in the lower house, said the Western policy of strength and insistence on principles had made the Soviet Union feel the necessity for a four-power conference on German unity with concessions in East Germany. But it would be dangerous to read a change of mind into the Soviet-inspired action. "They are only tactical attempts to spoil a Western policy. But this does not mean that we should not take the tactics seriously."

Herr Robert Tillmanns, a member of the CDU executive and specialist on Eastern affairs, told journalists that yesterday's announcement was a political act of the Kremlin. It might well be that a breakdown of economy under the burden of collectivisation and political persecution had played only a very secondary role, he said.

"These measures show the whole world once again the mobility of Soviet politics. Their leaders remain consistent in their final aim but in their tactical approaches to it they zig zag more than almost any other power in the world, now or in the past."

Herr Tillmanns said the Soviet leaders had evidently come to the conclusion that their other policies in Germany—fusion of left-wing parties, appeal to national feelings and the "peace partisan" movement—had not produced the desired results.

They had evidently noted that the leaders of the West had called for deeds not words and had therefore decided to show a few deeds, he said.

He said there was no indication yet of a loosening of the political system, no amnesty for political offenders and no sign of any willingness to hold, for instance, free elections for the whole of Berlin—a step suggested by the West a year ago.

An American spokesman in Bonn said the Soviet authorities had so far not taken any steps to call a meeting of the four High Commissioners in Germany.

The change in East Germany have come within two weeks of the appointment of Ambassador Vladimir Semenov as first Soviet civilian High Commissioner in Germany.

M. Semenov, a talented diplomat with the reputation of being a moderate minded Communist, was recalled to Moscow after Stalin's death for high level policy discussions.

While there, Allied observers here believe, he worked out with top party leaders the new

Malenkov "peace line" as it applied in Germany.

Today many Germans here wondered whether the new East German programme will stem the flow of refugees who continue to reach West Berlin in numbers of up to 2,000 daily and whether it will mean the scrapping of plans for an East German Army.

Though East Germany has built up an armed force of over 120,000, it has always called it a "barracked police force." This force, which trains and looks more like an army than a police force, could disappear overnight if the party demanded it.

The new measures have also caused speculation in West Berlin about the future of Herr Ulbricht, who has always been one of the strongest advocates of all out Sovietisation.

Herr Ulbricht in a 10-hour speech announced East Germany's elevation to the status of a Soviet-style people's democracy less than a year ago. M. Semenov appears to have changed all that.

The German Social Democrat opposition in Bonn said tonight that the East German Government must immediately release all political prisoners. The fate of yesterday's "promises" could only be seen when it was known how far they were prepared to go in loosening border controls between East and West Germany.

The party repeated its demand to Dr. Adenauer's Government to press the Western High Commissioners to meet their Eastern opposite number to discuss inter-zonal matters.—Reuter.

Test Pilot Sacrificed His Life

Bristol, June 11.

Leading British test pilot Peter Lawrence sacrificed his life today to try to save Britain's top secret delta winged Flying Triangle, the manufacturers stated tonight.

Lawrence, 32-year-old well-known racing pilot, rushed that he was in trouble at 20,000 feet over the thickly populated Bristol area, the Gloster Aircraft Company stated.

He could have bailed out safely but instead shut off the engines and tried to glide the precious prototype slowly down to a crash-landing in open country.

He took the plane—claimed to be the most powerful and formidable fighter in the world—right down to 200 feet before he bailed out on to a cold course. But he was too late. There was no time for his parachute to open and he fell to the ground and was killed instantly.

The plane had met the same fate as the first version of the faster-than-sound, radio-controlled twin jet Gloster Javelin, which also crashed and burst into flames in June last year.—Reuter.

A Colonial Chieftain



During the week of Coronation, London was a city of colour and pageantry, with picturesque visitors from all over the world, filling the streets. In his leopard skin cloak and plumed head dress, Chief Thomas Maresalle of Tanganyika, brought a touch of the barbaric splendour of Africa to the ceremony at the Cenotaph in Whitehall when Colonial representatives and rulers laid wreaths to the memory of the war dead of the Empire.—London Express.

Impassioned "Save My Children" Plea By Mrs Rosenberg

New York, June 11.

A mother's impassioned cry of "save my children" rang out in a clemency appeal to President Eisenhower for her son and daughter-in-law—Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, convicted atom spies doomed to die in the electric chair next Thursday.

Mrs Sophie Rosenberg made her public plea at a rally in central New York city this evening. "I know they are innocent," she said.

"I have come here to plead," she said to the rally organised by the "Committee to secure justice in the Rosenberg case" which had been fighting for the Rosenbergs' lives since their conviction two years ago.

"To you President Eisenhower, to the whole world, I say 'Save my children,'" Mrs Rosenberg cried.

"Don't let them die. They are innocent!"

Mrs Rosenberg said that next Thursday their execution date should be a happy day for the convicted couple because it was their 14th wedding anniversary.

"Instead," she said, "they are scheduled to die. What can I— a mother and a grandmother—say; my Julius and my Ethel said everything for me."

"TELLING THE TRUTH"

"Only last week they said 'If we die it will be the murder of innocent people.' They are telling the truth. They never stole any atom secrets. They know nothing about atom secrets."

Professor Ephraim Irota, Professor of English at New York's City College, told the rally that the prosecution did not have the "evidence" to prove the "execution" of this married couple will produce a wave of horror throughout the world that will do the United States no good.

"American justice and mental balance will be dealt a blow equivalent to the loss of many battlefields," said Professor Cross.

The Committee announced at the rally that a special "clemency train" would travel from New York to Washington on Sunday. Its passengers were to join demonstrators from many other parts of the United States at the White House. Washington is a clemency appeal.—Reuter.

Man Becomes Performing Monkey

London, June 11.

A woman walked into the monkey house at the London zoo last night, looked into a cage and said: "Good heavens, that's my cousin."

She was right. Behind bars between gorilla "Guy" and chimpanzee "Dick" was 24-year-old veterinary student Hugh Mullish, aping twentieth century man.

Powerfully built, with a handsome red beard and nondescript clothes, he kept a distinguished gathering of foreign diplomats, film stars and other world leading figures entertained throughout the Zoo's Coronation and 125th birthday reception.

His cage, normally inhabited by a chimpanzee, was labelled "chimpanzee," the common man.

In it was a camp bed, a table and chair. Under the bed were a pair of lady's shoes and the much-criticised wire statue of the "Political Prisoner."

His playthings included objects representing the atom bomb, football, pools, radio and the much-criticised wire statue of the "Political Prisoner."

For four hours he clambered about the wires of his cage, drinking beer and accepting tips from the distinguished guests.—Reuter.

KOREAN TRUCE DEVELOPMENTS

Neutrals Agree To Serve On PoW Commission

London, June 11.

All five nations asked by the United Nations and Communists to supervise an exchange of Korean prisoners of war have now given their answer.

Four have said "yes"—India, Sweden, Czechoslovakia and Poland. The fifth, Switzerland, has said "Yes, perhaps" and is expected to give a definite decision today.

Switzerland first had doubts about serving on the commission because South Korea had not agreed to the prisoner exchange agreement.

But Mr. Max Petitpierre, chief of the Swiss Political Department, said on Wednesday that she "could be induced" to serve after all. The Swiss Federal Council is meeting today.

India and Sweden and Czechoslovakia, who replied last night, agreed unconditionally.

India will provide the chairman of the commission and a detachment of troops. The other nations will provide about 60 staff officers. They will have custody of prisoners while agents from either side visit those who say they are unwilling to return home. The United Nations claims that thousands of Communist prisoners refuse repatriation.

POLAND "DELIGHTED"

The Polish Government today agreed to send a representative to the repatriation commission of neutral nations to supervise prisoners unwilling to go home after a Korean truce.

The announcement, simultaneously broadcast by Warsaw Radio and the official Polish news agency PAP, said: "The Government of the Polish People's Republic has consented to sending its representative to sit on the official bodies mentioned in the draft agreement on an armistice in Korea."

"Poland is delighted to see the prospects of an early end of the bloodshed in Korea and is ready to contribute to a peaceful settlement of the Korean conflict."—Reuter.

ALLEGATION

Philadelphia, June 11.

Dr. Yang Yoo Chan, the South Korean Ambassador to the United States, said today his country had been threatened with an embargo by United Nations officials on military supplies and food unless she agreed to the proposed truce terms.

Dr. Yang made his statement during a Press conference here.

"They are trying to force our Government, trying actually with various threats to force us to accept the truce terms."

He was asked if he meant the threats had been made by officials of the United States Government. He replied: "Yes, I mean 'officials' of the United Nations."—Reuter.

Police Hunt For Sex Killer

London, June 11.

Police, fanning out all over Britain today for the sex killer of two girls, found a bloodstained towel in a railway carriage 120 miles from here.

For tactical reasons, Scotland Yard have not disclosed the town where the towel was found.

They believe it may be a vital clue in the double killing 11 days ago on a River Thames towpath at Teddington, a West London beauty spot.

The two girls were Barbara Songhurst, 16, and Christine Reed, 18, who were raped, stabbed and dumped in the river.

Their bodies were dragged from the water by police, who are still searching for the murder weapon and Barbara's missing maroon coloured bicycle.

Detectives are working on the theory that the killer escaped on the bicycle. A description of a man they want to interview has been circulated to all police stations. He is between 30 and 35, of medium build and has curly hair.

He is believed to be wearing a brown suit.

Meanwhile police are making a house-to-house check around Teddington and continuing their river bank probe for clues.

A man called at a London police station today and made a statement about the murders.

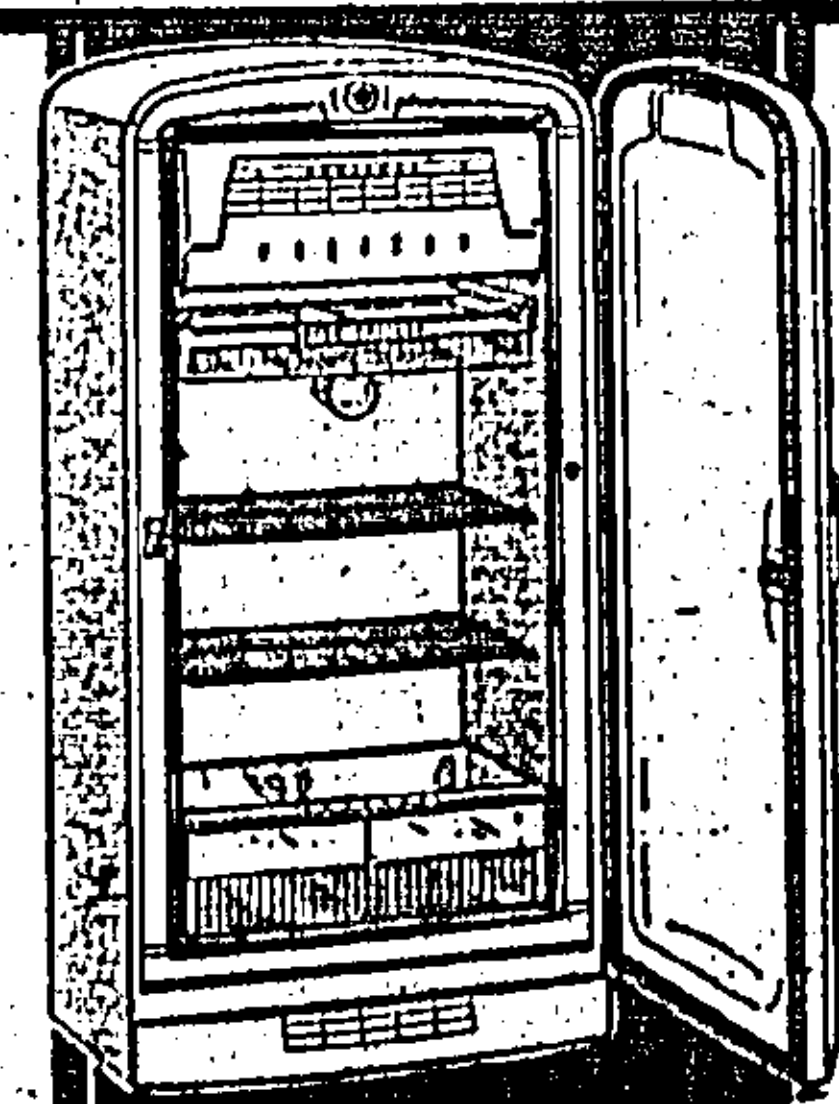
The statement was immediately passed on to Scotland Yard, London Police headquarters, but it is not yet known if it will provide any help in the investigation.—Reuter.

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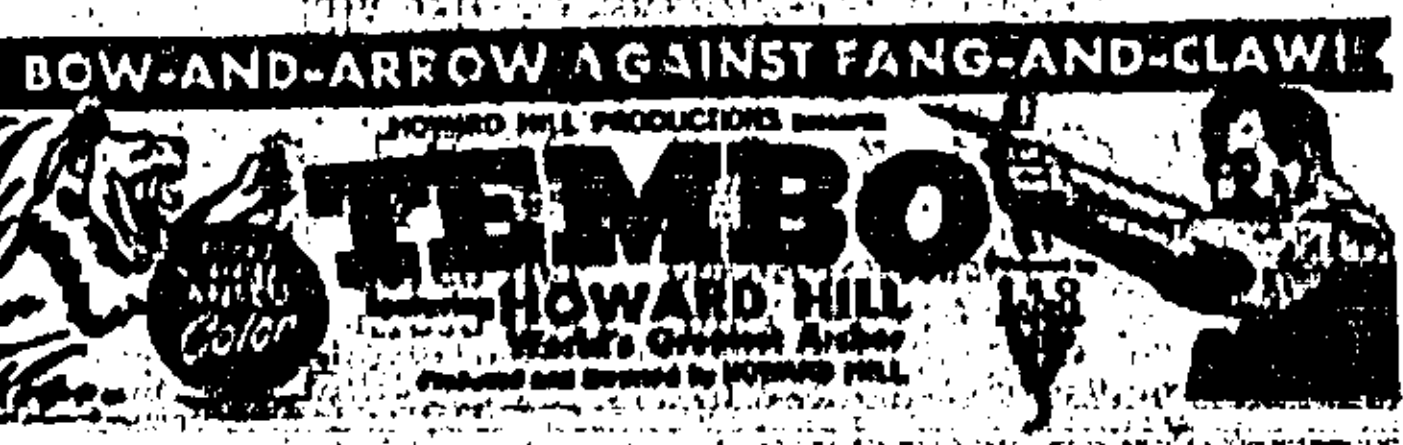
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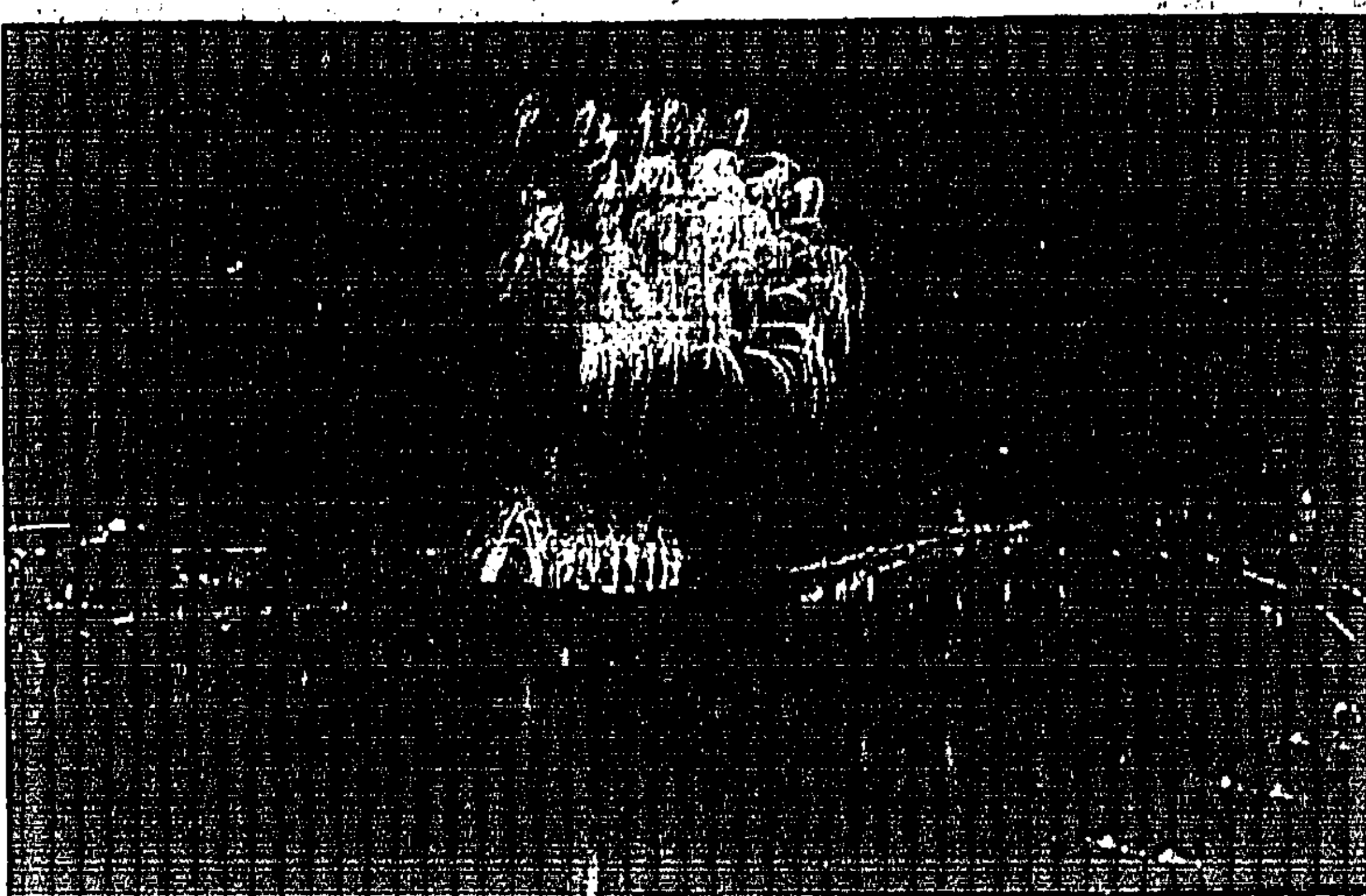
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Communists Tear Gaps In U.N. Lines



The climax of Coronation Day in London was the biggest fireworks display ever, with rockets bursting over the Thames against a background of brilliant illuminations throughout the city.—Express Photo.

Pacific Coast Businessmen Challenge U.S. Government

San Francisco, June 11.

The Eisenhower Administration has been challenged by a group of conservative and influential Pacific Coast businessmen to demolish barriers which block development of international trade.

Climbers' Fate

New Delhi, June 11.
A Japanese Embassy official said here today that he had had no information for many days regarding the success of a Japanese expedition attempting to climb the Nepalese peak Mianale.

The Embassy said that there were rumors that the expedition had met with an accident but there was no reliable information. —United Press.

Eisenhower Requests Action On Protocol

Washington, June 11.
President Eisenhower today sent to the Senate for ratification a new extension of the International Sugar Convention protocol signed by 19 nations in London in August last year.

The protocol, which was kept secret until today, is the same as that submitted to the Senate in previous years, except for minor technical modifications, Mr. Dulles said.

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The group is the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce which claims that it originally suggested the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act which was a keystone of the Roosevelt foreign policy.

This "new world trade policy declaration" asks for:

1. The outright and immediate repeal of the so-called Buy American Act which effectively prevents foreign nations from doing business with United States government agencies.
2. Co-operative action by the United States and the British Commonwealth nations to establish a system for currency convertibility based on high levels of production and employment.
3. The establishment of United States dollar currency on a full convertible gold basis.
4. Simplification of customs regulations to eliminate domestic red tape which has discouraged foreign nations in their effort to sell products in the United States.

EVIDENT NEED

The preamble to the declaration states: "The need seems to be evident for a re-examination of our own policy and objectives in order to establish a sound long range programme to promote stability in the international relations field."

"The position of our country as a great export nation is inconsistent with our continuing surplus of exports, the dollar shortage abroad and the increasing cost to United States taxpayers who, through loans and grants, have been financing a substantial part of our export trade."

"Many features of the foreign policy of this country need substantial study not only to make our foreign and domestic policies dovetail, but mainly to assure the free nations that we are anxious and sincere in our efforts to join them in following policies of mutual benefit."

"World trade with the related activities of international finance is a two-way street. We cannot for ever continue to sell abroad if we refuse to buy from abroad; nor is it sound for us to continue to give away our products, raw materials and resources."

VITAL FACTOR

The businessmen admit that they have more than theory at stake in world trade. For more than a hundred years, world trade has been a vital factor in the prosperity of California. This must continue, the businessmen declare, if the industrial machine which the state inherited from World War II is to continue to function with profit and payrolls.

But the policy declaration argues that nation's foreign trade policies are endangering this investment. "The shrinkage of foreign markets," it says, "the

Tokyo, June 11.
South Korean troops fought into the night to plug three gaps torn in United Nations front lines by the heaviest Communist attacks in eight months.

The soldiers President Syngman Rhee urged to send all the way north to the Yalu River had their heads full where they are now. Three hills fell to the Reds on Wednesday night when the Communists threw 6,000 men against positions along the eastern end of the battle line and at least 700 Chinese Reds were behind the Allied line.

The Communist strategy was apparent. By grabbing key outposts and positions now the Reds will retain possession of them when the cease-fire demarcation line is drawn. Their intention is to leave the United Nations with an unbalanced line hard to defend.

Reports from the front said that the heaviest fighting was taking place close to outpost. There, the ROK Division troops were trying to repulse between one and two battalions of Chinese that pierced the Division's line early on Thursday.

The Chinese cut in back of the ROK positions but the South Koreans had "continued" the intruders and slowly were pushing them north. Two counter-attacks during the day stopped the Chinese from wheeling east or west behind the United Nations front line.

STAYING THERE

A little to the east the Chinese held onto two hills. Wednesday were part of the 8th Division's main line of resistance. ROK infantrymen counter-attacked on Thursday afternoon and temporarily regained one of the positions but later lost it to a fresh Chinese assault.

Eighth Army headquarters in Seoul said that the Chinese on top of the hills seemed content to stay there and not push forward although Allied air strikes during the day took a heavy toll among the new owners of the positions.

An 8th Army spokesman said that a maximum of 6,000 Chinese took part in the assaults that forced the three penetrations of the Allied line.

Supported by 54,000 rounds of artillery and mortar fire the Reds used two regiments in a two-pronged attack that quickly spread to other spots on the 8th ROK Division's front.

Still further to the east another counter-attack by the 12th ROK Division was making progress at Christmas Hill where two Red companies seized a foothold early on Thursday.

The 8th Army said that this position had been virtually recaptured.

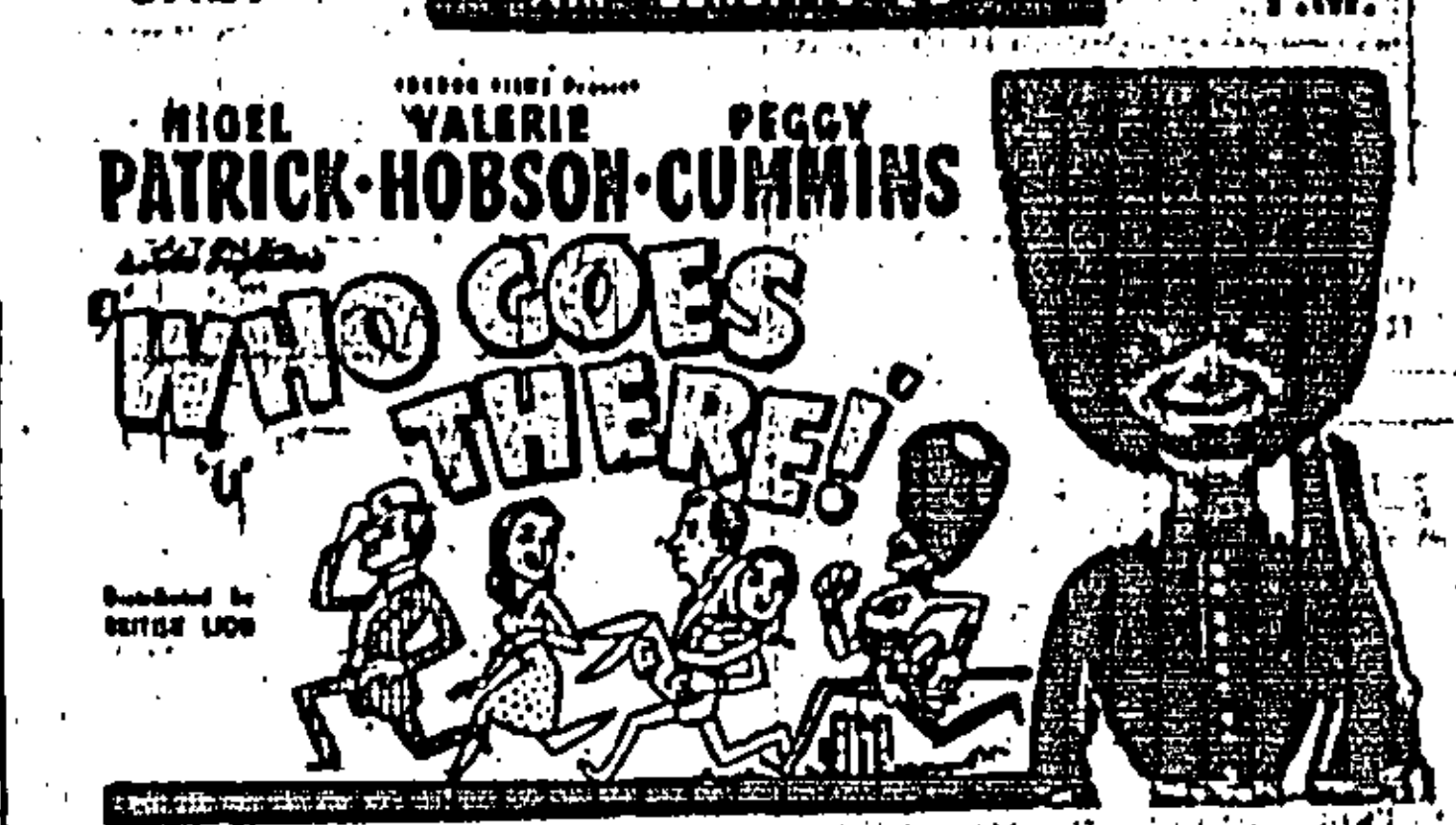
Meanwhile, the United States 3rd Division estimated that it had killed or wounded half the 1,000 Reds who had wrested temporarily the control of outpost Harry on the western front early on Thursday. The outpost is one of several that commands the Chorwon Valley invasion route.—United Press.

Steel Pool Complaint

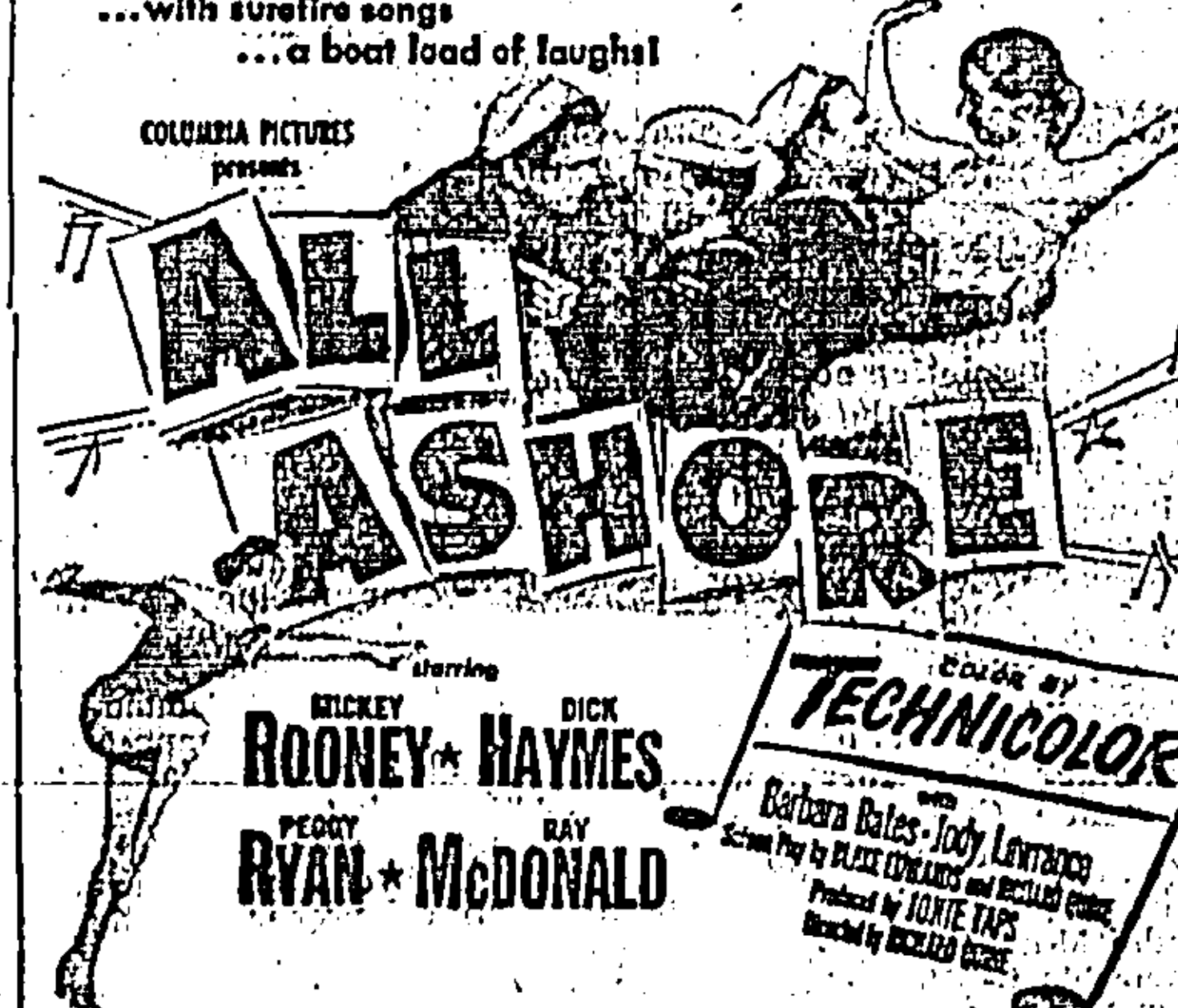
Luxembourg, June 11.
Steel users of the European Coal-Steel Community's six member countries today complained of high prices since the community's decision to allow free competition and prices was announced on May 1.

At a meeting here, many of them complained they were paying more for steel in the common market than British or United States users paid for steel produced in their countries.

Countries in the Coal-Steel Community are Belgium, France, Holland, Italy, Luxembourg and West Germany. The community was formed in July last year.—Reuter.

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POLICY TOWARDS PEKING



Taken at Cherkley Court, in Surrey, this picture shows the party of Colonial journalists entertained by Lord Beaverbrook at his country home. Hongkong's representative, the Rev. W. N. Cheung, of the "Wah Kiu Yat Po," is in the second row. — Express Photo.

Canada's Plain Speaking

Cambridge, Mass., June 11. — Mr. Lester Pearson, Canadian External Affairs Minister, said today that the time had come for agreement over "serious" Western differences on policy toward Asian Communism because the imminence of a truce in Korea made a united approach a matter of "immediate urgency".

Mr. Pearson, who is also President of the United Nations General Assembly, bluntly told the Harvard University Alumni Association that the United States could expect little support for a policy of uncompromising hostility to Communism in the Far East.

He urged that the impending Big Three conference in Bermuda should seek a policy of unison before they sat down with Soviet leaders to discuss the large political issues stemming down from the Korean war.

Mr. Pearson, earlier awarded an honorary law degree by Harvard, said there were signs that serious conflict had already arisen in the West "over the nature and extent of our collective obligations, if any, to defeat Communism as such in Asia".

He also echoed President Eisenhower's argument that no nation could "go it alone" and emphasized that any attempt at world leadership by "a pistol at the back" was doomed to fail.

"A coalition such as ours can only function on the basis of full consultation and agreement on basic policies and objectives," he said.

The most serious threats to Western co-operation lay in the economic and Far Eastern fields, Mr. Pearson said.

He added: "New forces have swept across the Far East since the Second World War. Some of these forces are the result of the international Communist conspiracy. Others are primarily related to the awakening urge of millions of Asians for national freedom and a better life."

He said the West was not able to stress the distinction between these two forces, which require a different approach and understanding by us, our co-operation in this part of the world may weaken and disappear, to the joy and sorrow of those who are using foul means and fair to bring about just such a result. — Reuter.

Board of Trade Statement On Export Controls

London, June 11. — Mr. Peter Thorneycroft, President of the Board of Trade, said today that control on strategic goods exported to Western Europe and China must be maintained until the circumstances giving rise to them had ceased to exist.

They had been imposed for "urgent reasons of national security," he added.

He was replying in the House of Commons to Mr. Harold Wilson, former Labour Minister of the Board of Trade, who urged that the controls should now be substantially eased.

— Reuter.

Rubber For Red China

Singapore, June 11. — Mixed reaction greeted the call made yesterday by the President of the Rubber Trade Association, Mr. Lee Kong-chian, to the British Government to end the embargo on the exports of Malayan rubber to Red China.

Mr. Lee said that the destination control was imposed because of the Korean war and there would seem to be no purpose to continue the restriction if the fighting there were to end.

Mr. I. G. Salmon, Deputy Chairman of the Singapore Chamber of Commerce, said, "I feel that it is far too early to discuss this matter and to comment on the possibilities of resuming trade with Red China. The issues are far more complicated than they at first appear and I hardly think that they can be considered yet."

Mr. Tan Siak-ke, President of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, said, "I think that the resumption of rubber trade with Red China will come as a natural consequence of the conclusion of proper peace in Korea."

The embargo, Mr. Tan explained, was imposed at the start of the Korean war and if peace was effected now there would seem to be little point in persisting in maintaining the embargo.

A rubber broker, who refused to be quoted, said that while the rubber trade would welcome a resumption of rubber exports to Red China it would have to receive international sanction. He said that until the United States recognises the Peking Government and the resumption of the rubber trade to Malaya and what the resumption of the Malaya-China trade would mean.

"I personally do not think that the matter will hinge on Red Chinese membership. We are exporting rubber to Red China before the Korean war and she was not a member of the United Nations then." — United Press.

BURMA SHIPMENT
Rangoon, June 11. — The 4,716-ton Polish freighter General Walter left here today with 2,000 tons of rubber and 140 tons of scrap iron for Whampoa, the port for Canton.

She is expected back here in six weeks to lift another cargo of rubber for Communist China. In March, this year, when the General Walter took Burmese rubber to China, the United States Embassy protested to the Burmese Government. — Reuter.

NO EXTENSION OF PACIFIC DEFENCE PACT

London, June 11. — Well-informed Australian sources today confirmed the report that there would be no change in the Anzus Pact between Australia, New Zealand, and the United States.

In view of American opposition, it was said, there is no question of the two Dominions again requesting an extension of the pact to include Britain, or any other power with interests in the Pacific.

This statement of policy followed the conversations held yesterday between the British Prime Minister, Sir Winston Churchill, and the Australian and New Zealand Premiers, Mr. Robert Menzies and Mr. S. G. Holland.

In the course of these discussions, the plans for the coordination of the three countries' defences were re-examined.

The practical implementation of these plans will be taken up in the General Staff talks scheduled for this summer in Australia and New Zealand.

DUTCH HOPES

It was remarked that the decision not to extend the Anzus agreement presumably would put an end to the Netherlands Government's hopes of entering the pact. Holland wished to have a common defence for Australian and Dutch New Guinea.

It was thought that this question would again be raised in the summer, when the Dutch Minister, William Kerrkamp, and Joseph Luns, the Netherlands Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs, will visit Canberra on a trip to South-East Asia.

Australian sources in England are of opinion that if the Netherlands is not included in the Anzus Pact, the conclusion of a bilateral defence pact between the Netherlands and Australia may be discussed at that time. — France-Press.

Memorial Cause Of Rumpus

Berlin, June 12. — The West Berlin City Government will hold a meeting today to protest against the Soviet authorities' being allowed to repair a Soviet war memorial in the United States zone.

Major-General Thomas Timmerman, Commandant of the United States sector of Berlin, has given permission for the repair work.

East German workmen started yesterday to restore the memorial—a Russian tank on a marble pedestal—under supervision of a Russian engineer.

Dr. Walter Conrad, Acting Lord Mayor of West Berlin, told General Timmerman, the "population of West Berlin will not understand the measure," according to West Berlin City officials.

The memorial was damaged by unknown vandals two years ago, but United States authorities have several times refused permission for it to be repaired on the ground that it endangered peace and order in West Berlin.

The Soviet authorities have rejected American offers to remove the memorial to East Berlin. — Reuter.

Slashes In Aid Voted

Washington, June 11. — The House Foreign Affairs Committee today cut \$300,000,000 from military and economic aid to Europe and military aid for the Near East in President Eisenhower's foreign aid request.

The Committee also specified that only half of the \$2,179,889,870 in European military aid should be available until European governments ratify the European defence community.

The cut in the Aid Bill paralleled similar action taken yesterday by the Senate Committee, which is considering the Bill simultaneously.

The cut today was the first action by the House Committee which will continue work on the \$5,478,000,000 Foreign Aid Bill later today and tomorrow. Today's action consisted of three parts, all proposed by Representative James G. Fulton, Republican, Pennsylvania.

CHAIRMAN'S REQUEST

The first cut was \$100,000,000 from the \$2,179,889,870 requested for military aid for Europe. The second was \$100,000,000 from the \$405,212,837 asked for military aid to the Near East. And the third took \$100,000,000 from the \$300,000,000 asked for defence support funds for Europe.

The cuts are subject to possible reconsideration when the Committee takes final action on the Bill.

The votes came as Chairman Robert B. Chipperfield forecast that the Committee would end up by taking at least \$500,000,000 off the President's request.

The Senate Committee yesterday cut \$100,000,000 from the Bill, bringing it down to a total of \$5,378,000,000 compared to President Eisenhower's request for \$5,478,000,000. — United Press.

Indian Diplomats To Confer

Moscow, June 11. — The Indian Ambassador to Moscow, Mr. P. M. Manon, left today by air for Geneva by way of Prague.

He will attend a conference in Geneva between Indian envoys abroad and the Indian Prime Minister, Mr. Nehru. — Reuter.

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THE CORONATION OF HER MAJESTY

— QUEEN ELIZABETH II —

He Stole A Man-Eater

Karachi, June 11. — The story of a man-eating tiger which was caught, caged, escaped, and finally shot reached here today from Jorhat in Bengal.

The manager of a tea plantation in Jorhat, Mahammad Salia, complained to the police that a local animal trainer named Abdul had stolen the man-eater together with its cage after it had been trapped by him.

The culprit was identified only after the tiger had managed to escape and had been shot dead after terrorising a neighbouring village. — France-Press.

London Gandhi Memorial

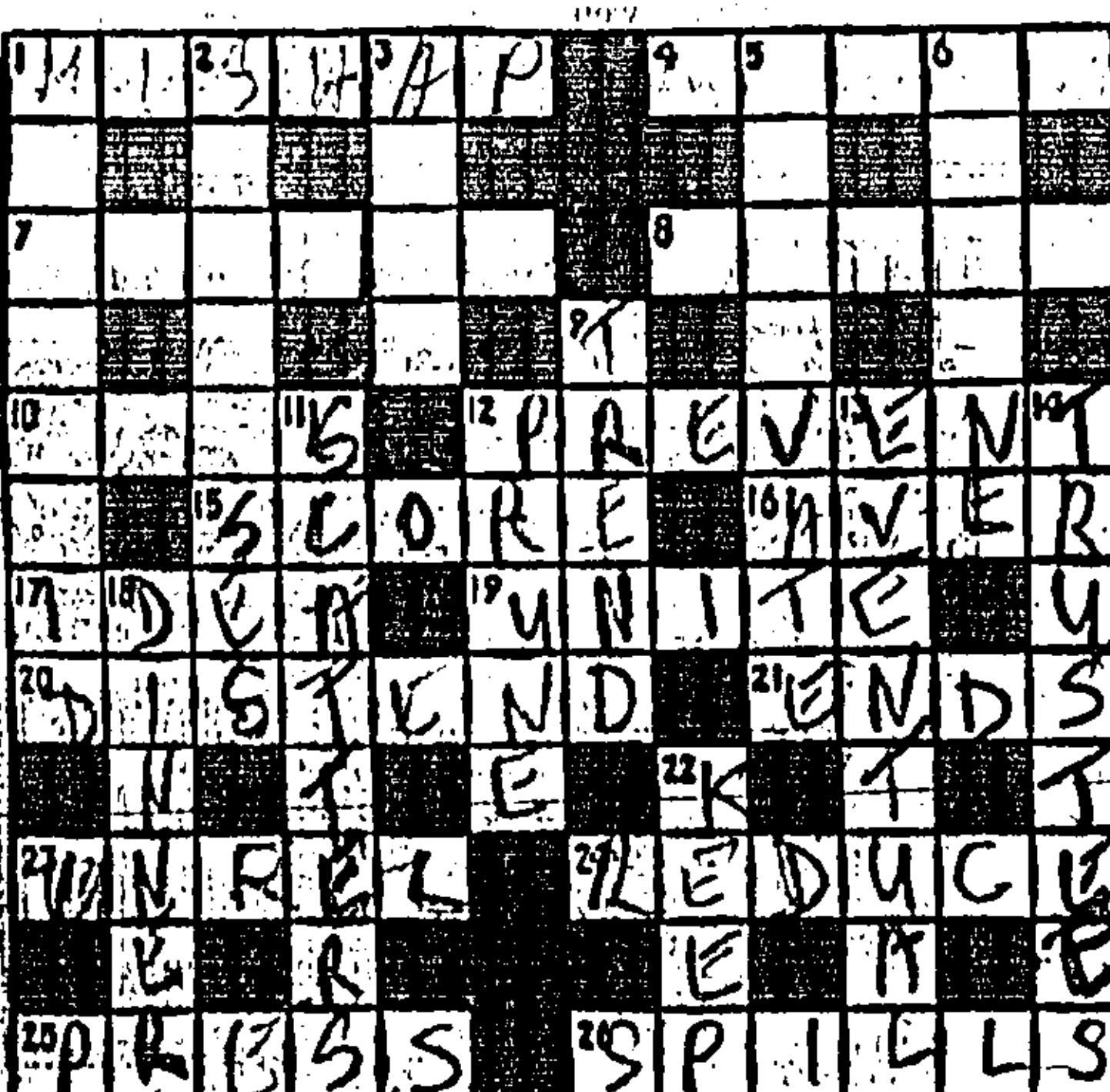
London, June 11. — India's Prime Minister, Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru, will plant a tree in Tavistock Square on Saturday at a spot allotted by the St. Pancras Borough Council for the erection of a memorial to Mahatma Gandhi.

The Council has invited Mr. Nehru to plant the tree, to mark the occasion of the visit of the Prime Minister of India to the spot where the memorial statue will stand.

It is expected that the site will have been cleared by the Gandhi Memorial Trust which will be responsible for the erection of the statue.

The St. Pancras Council decided in March to present the site for the erection of the Gandhi statue at the request of Mr. V. K. Krishna Menon, former High Commissioner in London. — Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
1. Collision (6)
 4. Souvenir (6)
 7. Theatrical company (6)
 8. Of minor importance (6)
 10. Cupid (4)
 12. Render impossible (7)
 13. Twenty (5)
 14. Assort (4)
 15. Nodding (4)
 16. Join (6)
 18. Swell (7)
 20. Finish (4)
 23. Deduce (6)
 24. Modern (6)
 25. Pinch (6)
 26. Upstart (6)
- DOWN**
1. Fearless (6)
 2. Suggest (6)
 3. Headland (4)
 5. Weaken (6)
 6. Chant (6)
 9. Tendency (6)
 11. Strews (6)
 12. Dried plum (5)
 13. Fine (6)
 14. Guadalupe (6)
 15. Meal (6)
 22. Retain (4)

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD — Across: 1. Sediment, 2. Rough, 3. Opponent, 10. Editor, 13. Traitor, 15. More, 17. Heretics, 18. Sprites, 20. Head, 21. Divided, 23. Desires, 24. Legacies, 25. Trend, 26. Suspends, Down: 1. Great, 2. Nubia, 3. Sheet, 4. Iron, 5. Cycle, 6. Tithon, 8. Probed, 11. Drape, 12. Fluid, 14. Reside, 16. Mavis, 18. Refect, 19. Shell, 22. Hangar, 23. Vistas, 24. Dives, 25. Deeds, 26. Acre

Colonial Newsmen Entertained By Lord Beaverbrook

London, June 6.

Twenty-five journalists from the Colonies saw a vivid review of Coronation Day pageantry when, on Thursday evening, a special cinema news-reel performance was given for them by Lord Beaverbrook at Cherkley Court, his Surrey home.

It was the party's first opportunity of forming an impression of the day's historic events as a whole. They thoroughly enjoyed it, and applauded particularly as they watched Dominion and Colonial troops play their part in the State processions.

On Coronation Day itself, ten of the journalists had seats in the Abbey and had not seen anything of the processions. They, in particular, appreciated the chance of seeing a film of the scenes outside the Abbey within 48 hours of Coronation Day.

Specially chosen representatives of their home newspapers, invited to Britain for a Coronation tour by the Colonial Office, the journalists were the guests of Lord Beaverbrook for the whole of Thursday evening. They were taken by bus from London to Cherkley Court.

Lord Beaverbrook, Mr. William Atkin, M.P., Mr. Beverley Baxter, M.P., and executive representatives of Express Newspapers welcomed the party.

After photographs of the visitors with their host had been taken in the garden, the party were entertained to dinner. Following a toast to the Queen, brief impromptu speeches were made by Lord Beaverbrook, Mr. Atkin and two of the visitors: Mr. E. Dupuch, Nassau Tribune, and Mr. E. A. Anwara, editor, Southern Nigerian Defender.

The value of such events as the Coronation in bringing members of the Commonwealth family together was emphasised.

In an impressive comment on Commonwealth relations, Mr. Anwara spoke of the inspiration to the Colonies of the Queen's Coronation oath to uphold the interests of her peoples everywhere.

In addition to the Coronation news-reel, a full-length feature film "Niagara" was shown to the company after dinner.

In addition to Mr. Atkin, who is General Manager of Express News and Feature Services, the following representatives of Express Newspapers attended: John Gordon, editor-in-chief, and Harold Keeble, editor, Sunday Express; Percival, editor, Evening Standard; C. Dawson, Manager, and D. Cobban, editor, Express News and Feature Services.

In addition to the special party of journalists, two more visiting colonial journalists present were Mr. E. Dupuch, Nassau Tribune, and Mr. V. Bodker, Cyprus Mail.

E. P. R. Noakes, Information Department, Colonial Office, accompanied the visiting journalists, who included: F.W. Seal, Coon, editor, "The Daily Argosy"; Brilish, Gulani, A. J. Neville, freelance journalist representing "Tanganyika Press"; M. A. I. Lokman, editor, "Faisal Al-Jazeera"; and "Al-Jazeera"; J. K. Stone, editor, "Pill Times and Herald"; the Reverend W. N. Cheung, editor, "Wah Kiu Yat Po"; and G. E. L. Tan, sub-editor, "Singapore Standard"; B. A. Abdulla, Azil, reporter, "Utusan Melayu"; Federation of Malaya, R. Venkatarajah, editor, "Family Herald"; Federation of Malaya, B. B. Reid, feature writer, "Daily Worker Jamaica"; A. D. Lubowa, editor, "Matlasi"; Ugandan, E. P. Smith, chief editorial writer, "Tribune"; Trinidad, G. Marshall, editor, "The Guardian"; Mauritius, L. A. Luyet, feature writer, "Sunday Express"; Kenya, E. A. Anwara, editor, "Southern Nigerian Defender"; E. Adesioye, editor, "Daily Times"; Nigeria, J. M. Hewitt, leader writer, "Barbados Recorder"; D. M. Cole, editor, "Northern News"; Northern Rhodesia, F. A. Rika, editor, "The Star"; Cyprus, F. Bodker, editor, "Cyprus Mail"; F. W. K. Durnoga, assistant editor, "Ashanti Pioneer"; Gold Coast, L. C. Stevenson, editor, "West Indian"; Grenada, Windward Islands, London Express Service.

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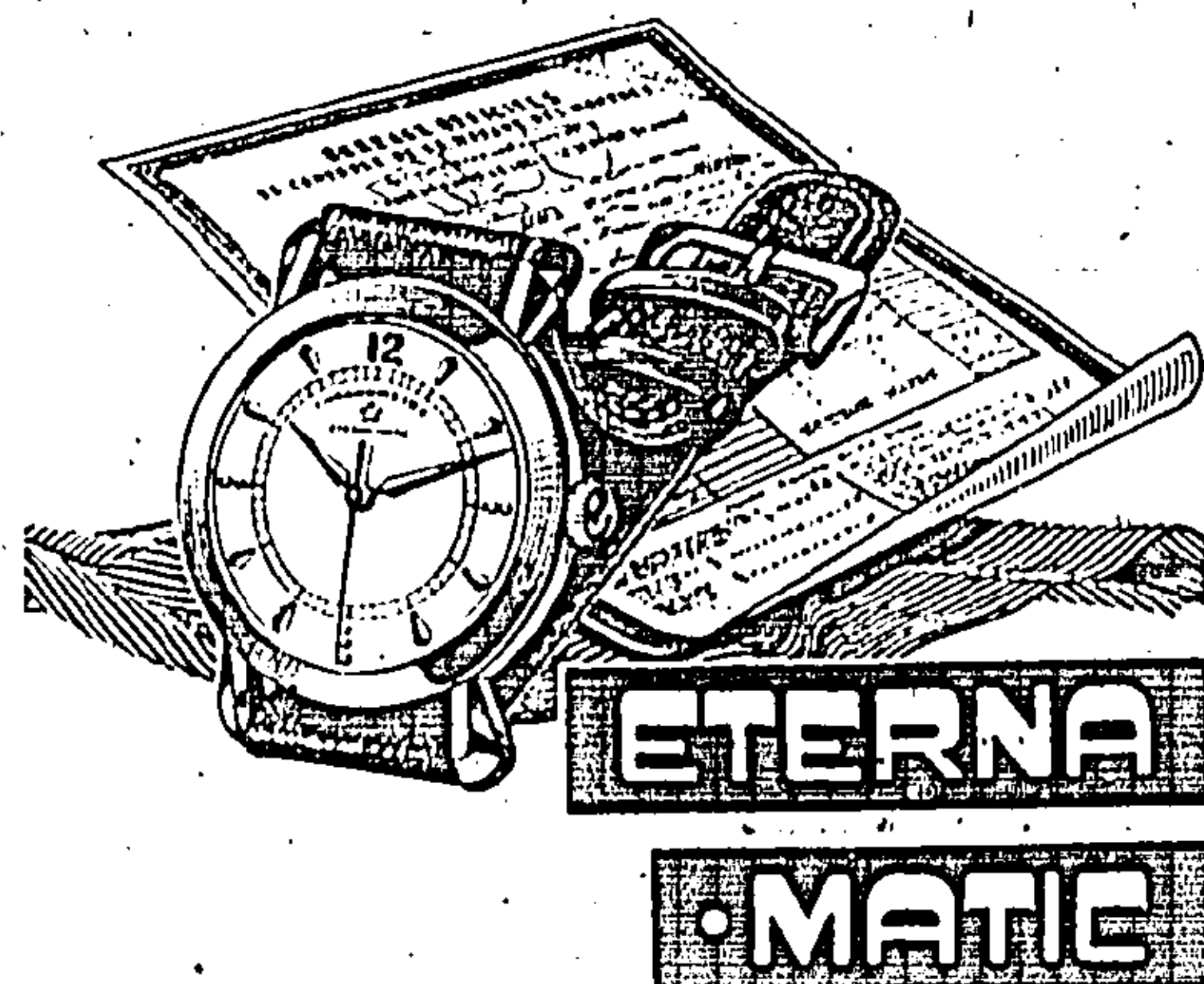
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How a Polish Fighter Pilot Escaped to Freedom

MY COMPANIONS REPORT MY BREAKAWAY TO BASE

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MY next appointment with the Information Officer was fixed for eleven o'clock on the morning of July 6, 1952. We were to meet in Saski Park, Warsaw. It was a Sunday. As I walked through the park I saw that the Information Officer was already awaiting me. As arranged, he was wearing civilian clothes. I had already made up my mind not to spy on my colleagues and pretended not to recognise him. I walked on and bought an ice-cream. At noon I watched him from a distance and saw that he was still sitting and waiting me, and that he was becoming very nervous.

I left the park. Our meeting did not take place until September 14 when he immediately questioned me about my failure to keep the earlier rendezvous. I insisted that I had kept the appointment and added: "You were reading a copy of Trybuna Ludu and not a copy of Kurier Codzienny as had been arranged."

He promptly changed the subject and told me that a great honour was shortly to be conferred on me. I was to be transferred to an air base on the Baltic coast, where only the elite of fighter pilots are sent.

I was transferred to the 10th Fighter Squadron at Slubsk at the end of September. This was a great break for me, as I could start planning my escape in earnest. Denmark did not appear on the operational maps given to us, but we had been told at briefings that the Danish island of Bornholm was the site of a big American air base. If I could get to Bornholm, I thought, American jets would guide me in.

ON reporting to Slubsk, I was taken before a Soviet officer, the Deputy Commander of my wing, who introduced me to the local security officer. The latter ordered me to continue my work as a secret security officer of my unit. I was asked to make regular reports. I was warned that British and American agents might approach me while on duty to find out details of the new MIG jet fighters.

I went on planning my escape, but avoided telling the Information Officer anything about my colleagues which might have got them into trouble. It was rather a dangerous game, and as the month went by I became convinced that they were losing confidence in me. Szymanski, who was still sharing my room, began to shadow me.

Another factor which made me more disgusted with life in Poland was the conduct of the elections in the autumn of last year. Polling day was October 26. By then I was already at Slubsk. For weeks we had to attend political lectures. We were told of the "liberal" and "democratic" character of the Polish electoral law. It was compared with electoral procedure in Western countries. The political officers told us that universal suffrage, as we had in Poland, did not exist in Western countries. In most capitalist States, said the political officers, men in the armed forces did not have the right to vote. Women in Switzerland were prohibited from voting. All these bourgeois electoral laws, they said, had a definite class character and

were instruments to prevent sections of the people from choosing their political leaders. A fortnight before polling day instructions were issued by the Central Committee of the National Front on how we were to vote. According to the electoral law, the voter had the right to strike out the names of individual candidates from the list on which he was voting.

The law provided also for a secret ballot—that is to say, the voter could study the ballot paper in private and make the desired alterations behind a screen at the polling station. However, the instructions of the National Front made it clear that any attempt to alter the printed ballot paper would not be "patriotic," and voters were urged not to exercise their right to vote secretly.

HOW TO VOTE

THREE days before polling day I received a sealed letter from the senior political officer at Slubsk requesting me to be present in the headquarters building at 5 o'clock on Sunday October 26, the date of the election. The letter said that I was to act as a member of the District Electoral Committee which would supervise the voting. "The day before the election an order from the air base Commanding Officer was read to all ranks saying that all officers and men must vote."

I duly reported on the Sunday morning, an hour before the polling station was open. The Electoral Committee was composed of nine officers and a sergeant. The committee sat at a long table, and each officer had a list of the officers and men in his unit. As a man came in to vote, he went to the officer on the Committee who was a member of his unit. The officer handed him a ballot paper and struck off his name on the list of voters. The ballot paper contained a list of National Front candidates.

The voter could fold up the paper and place it in the ballot box. This would mean that he fully reported the Government. But if he wished, he could, at his own risk, the voter could take the ballot list behind a screen at the end of the room and strike out the name of a candidate or even write in the name of another.

The mere fact that he went behind the screen, however, fully reported the one in charge of political training (each unit had two deputy commanders, one for operational and one for political matters). I looked at him sideways and asked: "Have you heard the news?" "Yes," he replied. "It is a terrible thing." Neither of us actually mentioned Stalin's name.

Lunch was eaten in the silence of suppressed excitement. Afterwards I made a short training flight in a Yak. I was supposed to take up a MIG later but this flight was cancelled because of bad weather. This was something really to worry about. I was going to escape the next day. I went to the meteorological office and was told that a "warm front" was coming in from the West, that the outlook was bad and that there would probably be no flights next day.

"I am sure that tomorrow will be a fine day and that we shall be able to fly," I said to the meteorological officer, and walked out of the room.

On my way back to my room I dropped in at Operations Headquarters. The Operations Officer was out, probably being briefed on the crisis, for he had, apparently, rushed out so fast that he had left the cupboard unlocked. I grabbed a map which showed Bornholm and Sweden. This, indeed, was a piece of unexpected luck.

It was my turn that afternoon to give a political pep talk to the men of my unit. This was to be my last one—at least, I hoped so—I made it good. I explained that the Polish Air Force had to be kept in a state of readiness because war was imminent. This was in line with Communist Party propaganda. And once again I advised my men to follow my example in all things. I even reminded them of the sign which hung above the entrance to regimental headquarters at Warszawa-Kola, the air base at which I was stationed before being posted to Slubsk.

I read: "Pilot Officers! You are urged to follow the example of Lieutenant Jarecki in carrying out your duties!"

THE MISSION

AT six o'clock the briefing officer, a Ukrainian named Iwon, briefed us on our next day's mission. It was a simple one, as I knew: we were to fly along the Baltic coast as far as Stettin, turn round and return by a more southerly route. We would pass directly over the town I had long since pinpointed as the best spot from which to make a break, Kolberg, about 60 miles south of Bornholm.

Supper was at eight o'clock—roast pork, vegetables, pastries and tea. My stomach was very uneasy. I couldn't touch the pork and vegetables, but I did manage to swallow a pastry and two strong cups of tea. The other officers looked at me rather curiously. I apologised for having stomach-ache, but I was in my room, I tried to listen to some dance music from a West German station to take my mind off my impending escape. At 10:30 I rang the meteorological office again and was assured that the forecast was hopeless for flying the next day. I had a bath and went to bed in a frame of mind best left to the imagination.

ON the morning of March 4 there were no training flights planned, so I stayed in my room. My room-mate was on duty with one of the four alerted MIGs. About 9:30 I tuned in to Radio Free Europe. The first thing I heard was a bulletin in Polish, read at dictation speed, and saying that Stalin was seriously ill. Later in the morning I heard similar announcements by the BBC and Radio Warsaw.

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NEW DIARY

MY thoughts were still dwelling on escape. Every day I listened to the BBC, Radio Free Europe, the Voice of America and Radio Ankara. In this I was not alone. Many other officers in my unit also listened to foreign stations. On occasions I caught my colleagues doing so, but I always pretended not to have noticed, although it was my duty as a "spy" to report them to the Information Officer.

THE Christmas of 1952 came and passed and with it the New Year. One day I went into a shop in Slubsk and bought myself a new diary, a rather expensive one. Every time I opened it—because of the way it was bound—it fell open at the same date, March 5. I had been thinking of escape for so long that this had happened a few times the date became a fixation with me.

There was nothing rational about it. I dreamed and thought

plausibly came a dark-haired man in a well-cut dinner-jacket. "Funny," mused Mr. Thomas, "I didn't think he was such a small man." I whispered hastily that that wasn't him—just his doublet—and here came old King, Coward, himself.

THE MAN'S A GENIUS

Mr. C. went into his act. Mr. T. sat back and admired. "Gosh, he's cute," he exclaimed as Coward announced he was now going to sing some songs he wished he had written instead of some he had.

"This guy really goes," said Danny. A few moments later, then, "Oh, what beautiful material—wish he'd write some thing for me. I'd learn to speak English real good for those kinda lines."

Final verdict, delivered by Mr. Thomas: "The man's a genius." There was even a possibility that he might make out at the Copacabana.

ing suit might be noticed. The addresses of girl friends went up in smoke, but deliberately I had not formed any close relationships. I had been determined that no emotional entanglements should affect my plans.

At 8:30 I walked over to my aircraft. Four fighters were to patrol in two pairs. I was the leader, so I could fix the order of flying. I said one pair would fly West along the Baltic to Kolberg and then back to base, and told the pilot accompanying me that we should take a slightly parallel course at a slightly higher altitude, 18,000 feet.

When I came to check my engine, I found that the fuel cut-out wasn't working. I was determined to have my aircraft completely intact when I cut out, so I had the engine cut out at the end of the runway. The first pair took off. Then I switched on the radio and said, in a voice I tried to keep casual: "This is 731 calling to take off. Listopad, May I take off?" Listopad was the code name for the control tower at Slubsk. The answer came back, "731, 731, you may take off."

I knew the moment had come. I had a last look round and waved to my ground crew. They didn't know it was goodbye.

SPOTTED

WE soon ran into mist. This was cause for worry, because I had to find Kolberg—and Bornholm. But after five minutes flying the mist cleared and I could see Kolberg plainly.

The time had come. To pick up speed I had to drop the extra fuel tanks. I didn't want to drop them over the city so I ordered 728, the pilot in front of me, to move slightly to the right and out over the sea. The coastline runs almost due East and West here.

Now the supreme moment of all had arrived. To jettison the tanks I had to press a button switching on an electrical mechanism. I pressed the button to jettison the tanks, but my thumb slipped off it. Shaking, I tried again. I remember I was sweating when the tanks suddenly dropped and went spinning down into the sea. I made my right-angle turn the North, and put down the nose of the plane into a steep dive.

I WAS safe. I pulled back the hood, sucked in a great gulp of air and unclipped my flying suit. The relief was almost too much to bear. I climbed out on to the wing. A young woman with a baby in her arms came out of a nearby house. I knew it wasn't—and yet the terrifying thought suddenly struck me: "Perhaps this is Communist territory!"

With my hand on my pistol holster I said in broken German: "Herr Kommunist?" meaning "Are there any Communists here?"

Her face was twisted with fright. She gasped, "No, no." I turned and walked towards the control tower and a group of men came running forward—members of a flying club, I learned later. They spoke to me in German, English, Polish and Danish, but all I could say was "Poland, Poland—Kommunisten kaputt!" and then "Azy!" (asylum). They made me understand that I was in Denmark. I knew then that I was free.

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There were Mr. Billy Wallace, Mr. Peter Ward, Mr. Geoffrey Davis, Mr. Charles Wilson. There was the Spanish Ambassador, Duke Miguel Primo de Rivera. There were, naturally, Lady Rosemary, Spencer-Charley and Miss Pions Campbell-Walter. And me.

For the world may be coming to town, but as far as the inside seats are concerned, London, it seems, still belongs to us.

DANNY FINDS A GENIUS

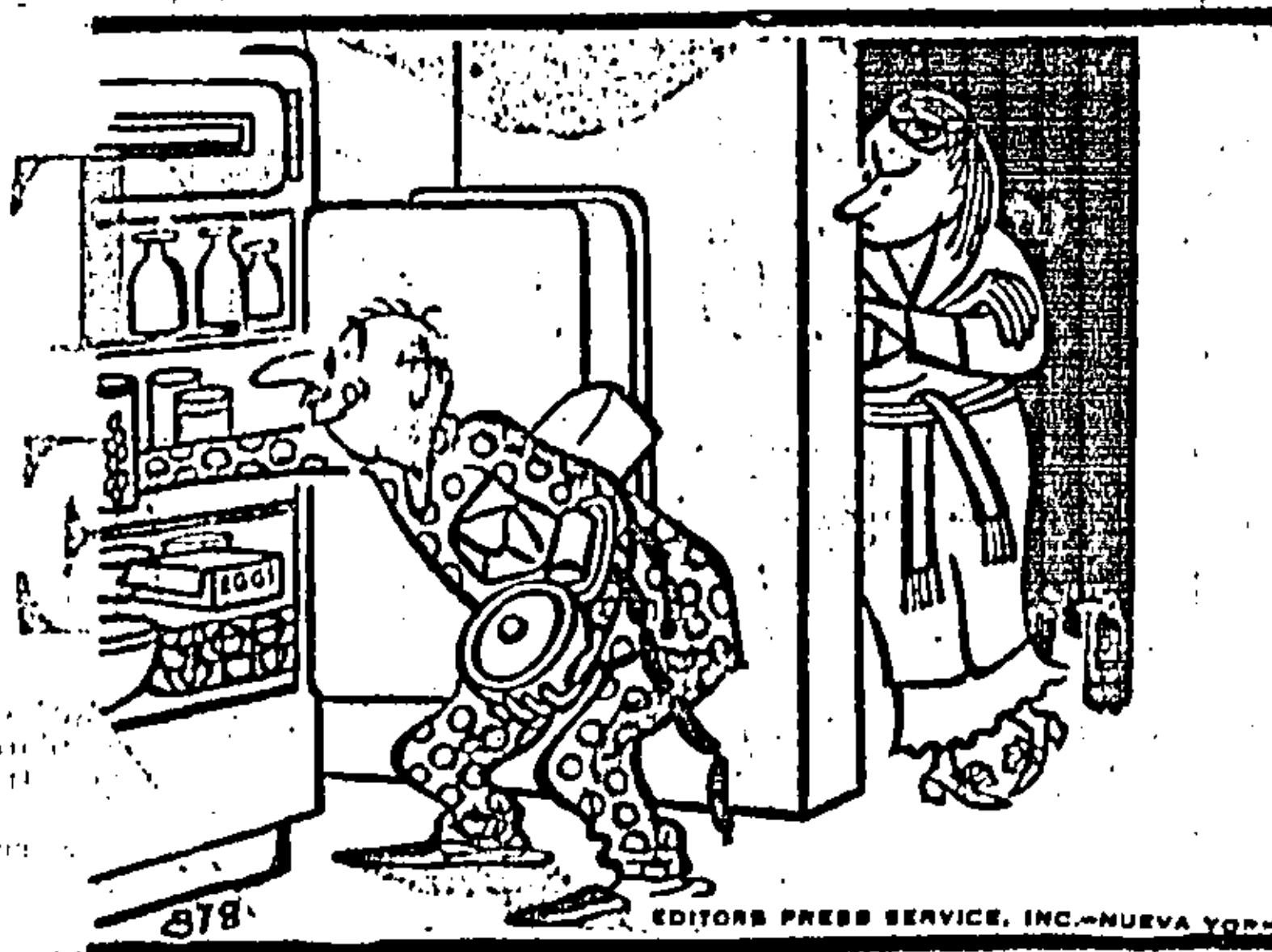
I TOOK America's No. 1 cat entertainer, Danny Thomas, who collects around £4,500 a week in real dollars in the super spots of the USA, to see Britain's topmost cabaret act, Ned Coward (who gets around £1,250 in true blue guineas).

"Where are the people?" inquired Mr. Thomas, surveying the crowd scene. I pointed to the gilt-edged galaxy consisting of one royal prince, a duke and duchess, a couple of ambassadors, a mass of millionaires, and a flourish of stage and screen stars.

"These are people," queried Danny. "I'm referring to ordinary cash customers, I explained that that illustrious little lot was Mr. Coward's regular public."

"Him—if he can handle that bunch he's got something, but I wonder how he'd make out at the Copacabana?" (The gay city-palace in New York, where Danny has recently been raking in that £4,500).

The lights dimmed. Down the stairs to some encouraging applause came a dark-haired man in a well-cut dinner-jacket. "Funny," mused Mr. Thomas, "I didn't think he was such a small man." I whispered hastily that that wasn't him—just his doublet—and here came old King, Coward, himself.



FAMOUS LAST WORDS: "What a dinner! I swear I won't be able to eat for a week!"

• BY • THE • WAY • by Beachcomber

WHAT are things coming to? The other day London Airport officials refused to hold back a plane-load of 32 passengers when an American film actor and his wife arrived late.

One of the officials asked why 32 passengers should be inconvenienced because "two people" were late. Two people? PEOPLE! Just as though they were mere passengers like anyone else. No wonder these two very special people were angry. Probably they were even asked for their autographs, or smothered with choice flowers by yelling thousands. There must have been two hearts at publicity headquarters when this healthy sign of public indifference became known.

Eggs on wheels

REMARKING that "British car manufacturers must wake up," a motoring correspondent describes an Italian car shaped like a huge egg. But the Italian, too, must wake up. I have already designed for it a portable, collapsible, plastic garage shaped like an egg-cup. The whole affair is so neat and attractive that one's spoon fairly itches to lap the car.

The invisible masterpiece

I HEARD from Sir Alan Herbert that there have already been two attractive offers for his invisible

masterpiece—one from the Chantry frequent, and the other from an American millionaire. The problem he is trying to solve is whether it is more patriotic to earn dollars than to keep our masterpieces of art in this country. It occurs to me that a copy of the original might be sold to the American, since even experts find it difficult to distinguish between an invisible original and an invisible copy, and the original sent to the Chantry. However, this though not strictly honest, is doubly patriotic.

A landlubber is puzzled

"There's no anchor, what is she moored to?" asked the boy on the embankment. "Moored to?" repeated Mr. Withersedge, frowning. "I said the boy, 'Faster's the word,'" said Mr. Withersedge. "You couldn't put it to the sea-wall," advised the boy, "the tide," asked the boy, "like a bird, she does," said Mr. Withersedge. "The tide might well try to swim," said Mr. Withersedge. "All we know of the tide is that it goes over the gunwale 'til it's high tide at London Bridge, light-up time included, and when the mud drops off of it, and she's over 'til it's low tide at Littlehampton, or what 'ave you," said the boy. "The excellent dame began to sing—

Like an old broken kettle
In its dirty puddle
Bobbing up and down,
Bobbing up and down,
Valparaiso, ere we come!

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

FRIDAY, JUNE 12

BORN today, you have a determined, dignified and persevering nature. You want to get it—eventually. If not right now! You have strong ideas and desires, and once you have made up your mind, you are not likely to change it. You might develop a little more flexibility in this direction. Sometimes the ability to co-operate diplomatically is far better than to be the aggressive opposition. You are neat and tidy and want everything in its place. Your thinking apparatus works on regular schedule and you want your life to be run on a neat, tidy schedule, too. You have a strong sense of duty. Once you have given your word, it is depended upon. Even if it causes you tremendous sacrifice, you will always keep a promise. You women actually, are more intuitive than you men, and it would

be well for you to make use of this star-given gift. Not everyone has it. And with lack of use, it can disappear. When combined with your other attributes, your intuition can be a most difficult person to beat in any competitive business or endeavor. You can take full advantage of this gift. Although you do not make close friends quickly or easily, once they are made they are for life. You should have a very happy and contented domestic life. You women will have excellent taste in furnishing and decorating your home, and will make excellent hostesses. You are fond of children and will want a large family of your own.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph in its readiness. Figure out your schedule.

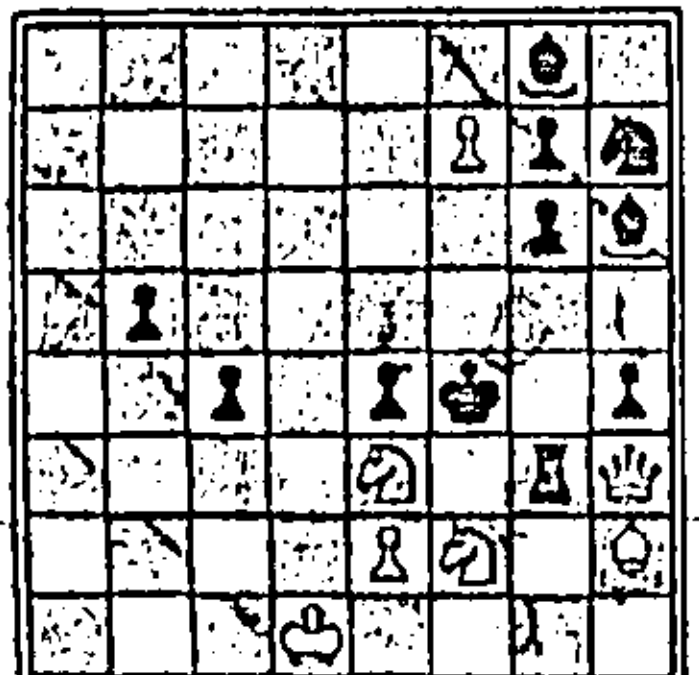
SATURDAY, JUNE 13

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)—This is a good time to hold on to what you have been neglecting lately.
CANCER (June 22-July 23)—Two days of rest and thorough relaxation outdoors could prove exceptionally beneficial to your health.
LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Be sure that you carry any extra load efficiently if you make an offer to help someone.
VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—If you have been saving your funds, you will have enough for a good vacation now. Make careful plans.
LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Not the best time in the world to force a decision against opposition. Wait for a better time!

CHESS PROBLEM

By A. KERBLUM

Black, 11 pieces.

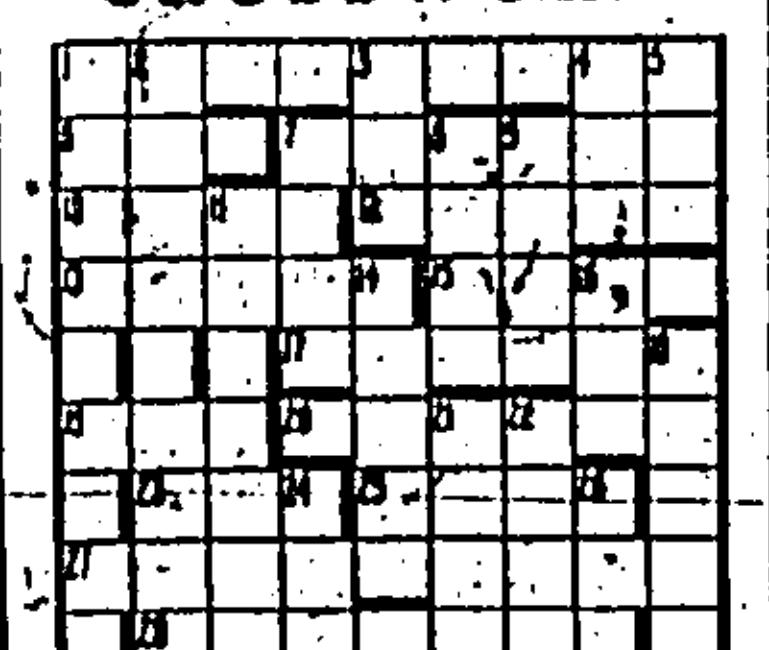


White, 7 pieces.
White to play: mate in three.
Solution to yesterday's problem:
1. R-R4, any; 2. Q. R, B, or K; mates.

DUMB-BELLS



CROSSWORD



Across
1. Small time thief. (9)
2. Famous rock runner. (6)
3. Leaving lower spot. (4)
4. This to this is a chase. (6)
5. Most of the best in Greece. (6)
6. Punishment liked for violence. (6)
7. Rabbit-chaser. (6)
8. A bridge-strap. (4)
9. Describes Hollywood. (9)
10. Talk in New York. (7)
Down
1. Nonsense to say this power. (6)
2. One's self. (anagram). (6)
3. God by the river. (9)
4. A bridge-strap. (4)
5. Cathedral city. (3) 7. Have (4)
6. Without due regard. (4)
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JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Poor Defence Led To Game Disaster

BY OSWALD JACOBY

WHEN today's hand was played in the recent Life Master Individual in New York, most of the East-West pairs reached a contract of three no-trump. This they proceeded to fulfil, often with an overtrick, for a score of 600 or 630 points.

At one table, however, the South player opened with a weak two-bid in spades. This type of bid is not recommended for general consumption, but many of the leading experts use it with great enjoyment and perhaps with some profit.

In this case, the opponents had South nailed to the mast and should have taken him to the cleaners (to mix my metaphors thoroughly) for a score of minus 800 points. Instead, they let South get away with only a bad score.

West opened the king of diamonds and promptly shifted to his singleton jack of spades when he saw that dummy might otherwise be able to ruff a diamond.

East played a low trump at the second trick, and South won with the queen of spades. Declarer then returned the

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|-----------------|--------|------------------|-------|
| NORTH 14 | | EAST | |
| ♠ 73 | ♥ 972 | ♠ A1086 | ♥ 103 |
| ♦ 73 | ♣ J108 | ♦ Q94 | ♣ 894 |
| WEST | | SOUTH (D) | |
| ♠ J | ♥ A8 | ♠ KQ9542 | ♥ A8 |
| ♦ K654 | ♣ A102 | ♦ 72 | ♣ 85 |
| ♠ K53 | ♥ A102 | ♦ 72 | ♣ 85 |
| Both sides vul. | | Opening lead—♦ K | |
| South | West | North | East |
| 2♠ | Pass | Double | Pass |
| Pass | | | |

Jack of diamonds, hoping that this card would create some confusion. His hopes were rewarded, since West put up the ace for fear that South was leading the jack from the Q-J of diamonds.

At this point, West wanted to lead to his partner's hand in order to permit his partner to return a trump. The problem was whether to lead away from the king of hearts or from the king of clubs. After long deliberation, West decided that South would not open with a weak two-bid in one major suit if he had strength in the other major suit.

On the assumption that South did not have the ace of hearts, therefore, West shifted to a low heart.

Declarer was glad to win this trick in the dummy with the queen of hearts, after which he returned to his own hand with the ace of hearts. He ruffed his last diamond in dummy, ruffed a heart in his hand, and exited with a club.

The defenders could take two top clubs, but then had to lead another club for South to ruff. Declarer then got out with a low spade and won a seventh trick with the spade king. He was delighted to be set only one trick when the opponents had a cold game at no-trump!

CARD SERVICE

Q—The bidding has been:
North East South West
1 Heart Pass 1 Spade Pass
3 Hearts Pass 7

You, South, hold: Spades K-7-5-3, Hearts Q-4-4, Diamonds 7-5, Clubs A-7-4. What do you do?
A—Bid four clubs. This bid might conceivably show a club suit, but you will raise hearts at your next opportunity, and your partner will then realize that you were trying for a slam and that your club bid therefore showed an ace.

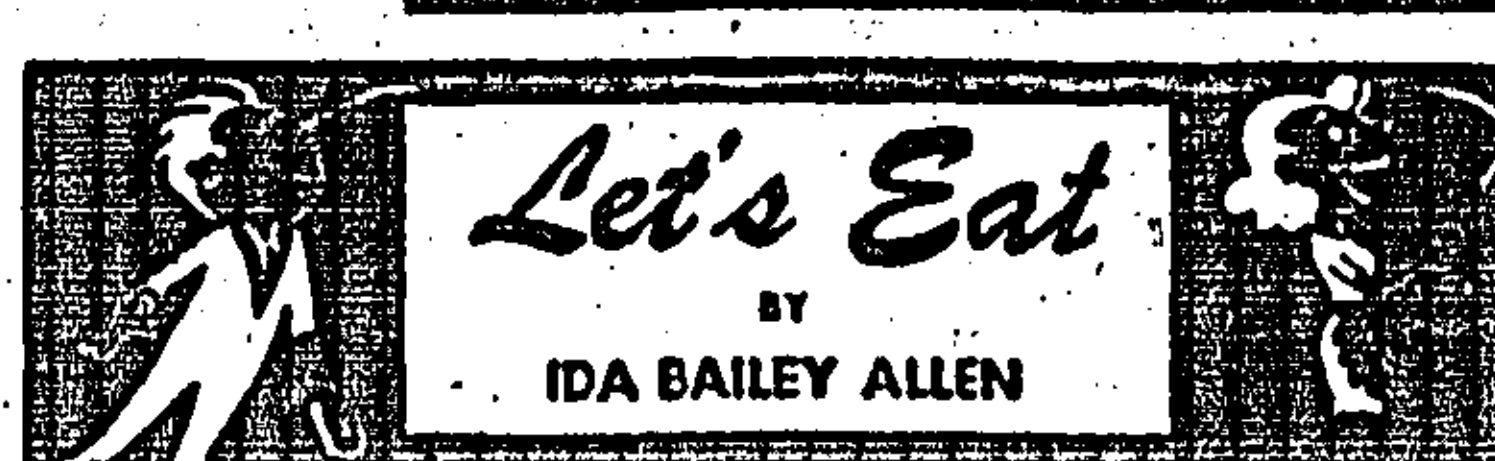
You have a right to try for slam since you have 12 points in normal high cards, 1 point extra for the queen of your partner's bid suit, and 1 point for the doubleton.

Your partner's strong rebid in hearts shows at least 17 to 19 points, so that the combined total is in the neighborhood of the 33 points usually needed for a slam.

WHAT'S HIS LINE?

E. N. MORTINEAU
Re-arrange the letters to spell his occupation.
(Solution on Page 10)

WOMANSENSE



Dinner In The German Style

"THIS evening I feel like a dinner of good German dishes," I remarked to the Chef.

"Then, Madame, may I have the pleasure of escorting you to Luchow's to dine?" Minutes later the Chef was eagerly looking over the interesting menu.

Today's Dinner

Grapefruit or Herring in Dill Sauce
Roast Chicken with Chestnut Stuffing or Sauterbraten with Potato Dumplings
Mixed Vegetables Red Cabbage
Celery Knob Salad
Cheese Cake
Coffee

Before long, Mr. Mitchell, the proprietor, came to our table for a visit.

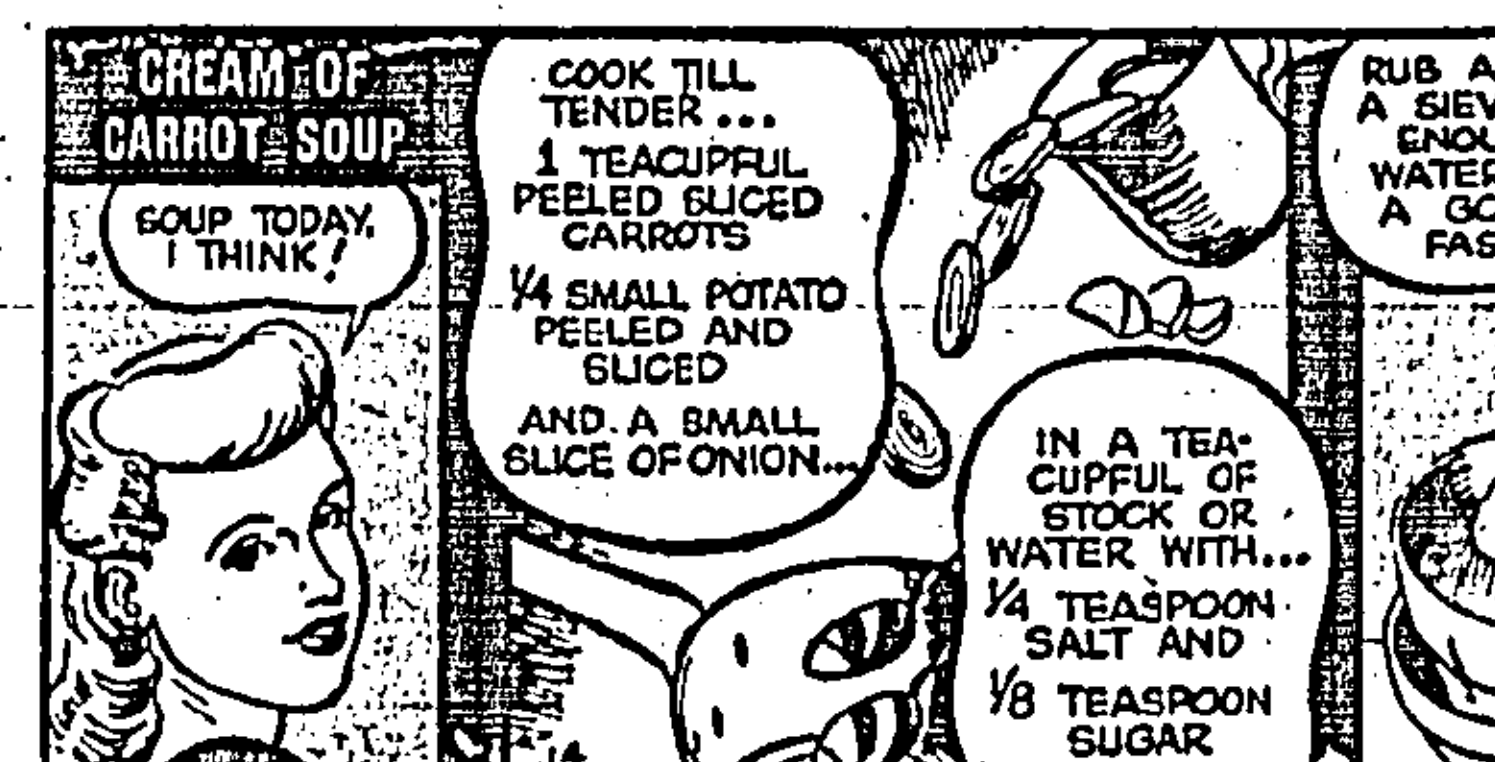
"How was the dinner?" he asked. "Substantial and in the best and most authentic tradition," answered the Chef. "It's a special pleasure to taste such appetizing vegetables. Many homemakers don't prepare vegetables so they are appetizing."

"That is because they do not spend enough time and thought

Even Spiders Ought To Have Names

Corvallis, Ore. Spiders are many things, mostly bad—to many people, but to an Oregon State college entomologist they are eight-legged creatures that deserve names as much as do the humans who revile them.

Vincent D. Roth, curator for the Oregon State entomology department, has set about identifying some 600 different varieties of spiders he estimates inhabit Oregon. He has already named about 300 of them. He also is making identification of the species of two North American spider families for numerous museums and institutions throughout the country—United Press.



BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Teddy Learns How to March

—General Tin Helps Him Learn Left from Right—

By MAX TRELL

GENERAL TIN, the tin soldier, told Teddy the Stuffed Bear that it was no use his trying to learn how to march, because no one could learn how to march unless he knew his right foot from his left foot.

"And that's what you don't know," he repeated in a stern voice to Teddy. "You don't know your right foot from your left foot and I might also say, you don't know your left foot from your right foot."

Each Has Five Toes.
"They both look the same," Teddy said disconsolately. "They both have five toes."

Rupert and the Robins—28



In a very few minutes the mixture has done its work and the robins flash excitedly around Rupert, showing their proper colors of brown and warm red. "That's amazing!" cries Golly. "I'll tell Santa Claus at once and you'll all have some Christmas

Keep In Trim

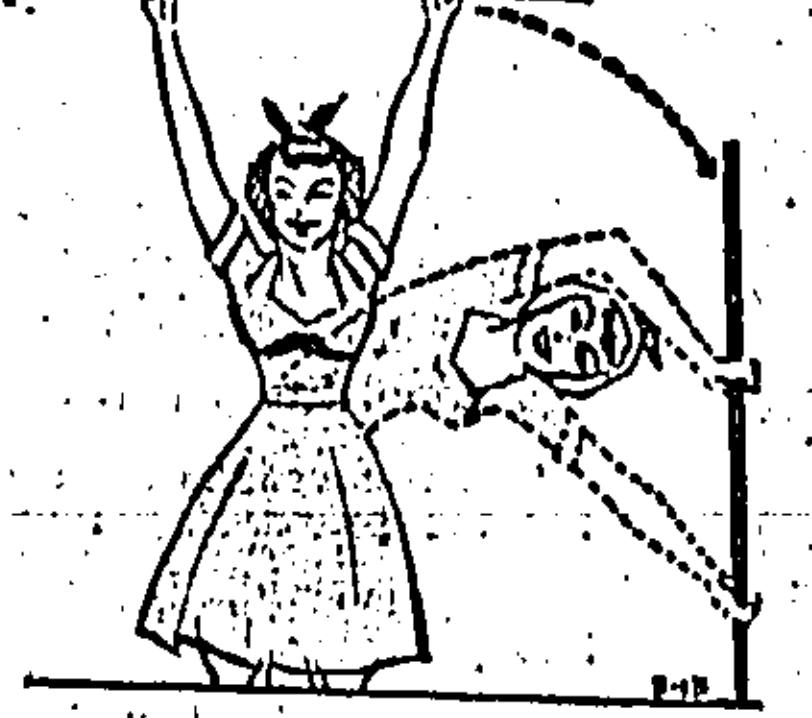
Designers Have Botched The Waistline

By IDA JEAN KAIN

FASHION'S waist seems to have slipped its moorings and has gone all out for the boxy silhouette. But just between you and me and the waistline, this fashion makes a botch of the middle measurement. After all, nature's original design was for a slim, supple waist, narrowed in the middle for freedom of movement. So take a tip, girls... Don't let your waistline wander. A willowy waist is young.

The keeping-young technique of a smooth upstretch, coupled with a side bend, pulling slim zipper on your waistress. Turn through the middle. Of course, if you're the lady of the house, say a seven-room house, you may complain that you have no time for exercising, or perhaps it strikes you as catering to vanity. On the contrary, tone in those middle muscles can keep you from bogging down and being bored with housework.

The toning technique is to stretch and bend... but take it easy and make a separate exercise



A willowy waist is young.

Position: Stand tall, feet apart. Grasp the stick in both hands and hold it close to chest, hands well apart.

Movement: Lift the stick high overhead toward the ceiling, pulling the waist up out of the hips. Return stick to chest and stretch it out in front as far as you can reach. Then back to chest, stretch up, back to chest, stretch forward. Repeat 3 to 6 times.

Add a bend... Position: Stand on knees, knees well apart, with stick stretched high overhead.

Movement: Holding the stretch, bend slowly to the side and touch end of stick to floor. Stretch up again, hold, then bend and touch stick to floor at opposite side. Repeat slowly 8 times, later 12.

Now a twist... Position: Stand with stick behind shoulders, hands folded over ends of stick.

Movement: Swing arms from one side to the other, twisting gently at the waistline. Swing for 6 counts or so, using the waist as a pivot. This twisting exercise is safe only for those who have a normally strong back.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

Wooden clothespins need to be washed in hot soapsuds now and then. Use a long-handled dishcloth or brush to move them around in the water after a short soaking. Rinse and dry well before putting back in the clothespin bag. Plastic clothespins can be handled in similar fashion, but use lukewarm soapsuds.

Fresh plum, peach, pear and cherry stains on white cottons should be sponged immediately with cold water. If a stain remains, rub glycerine or soapless shampoo into the fabric and let stand for 30 minutes or more, if necessary. Then apply a few drops of vinegar, and let stand about two minutes, before rinsing thoroughly with water. If a stain still remains, use a colour remover of one teaspoon sodium perborate to one pint (two cups) hydrogen peroxide.

WARDING OFF WRINKLES

By HELEN FOLLETT

THERE are women whose complexions seem to be wrinkle-proof. No matter how the birthdays pile up, their skin remains smooth as silk, never a crinkle in it.

There is a simple explanation. These women have been healthily wise, they have lived gallantly with cheerful spirit, and they've followed good beauty habits. Give thought to this statement, you girls who are thirty.

Some wrinkles are nice ones, laughing ones, character-building ones. One should not worry about them. There are others, self-inflicted, that are created by surly dispositions or unpleasant emotions. The frowny-face look brings wrinkles at the sides of the chin, causes the flesh below the chin to soften and form a pouch. If you draw your eyebrows together frowns will form.

The first step in the wrinkle fight is to be tranquil, to carry a serene countenance. The next step is to have an organized life.

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Remove make-up with a thin cream, then use soap and water freely. Rinse the suds away, dry with a soft absorbent towel and apply a heavier cream. Tap the flesh lightly. Let the cream remain overnight. The flesh will lap it up eagerly. The skin has numerous enemies, among them are harsh winds and atmospheric dust.

If wrinkles have already formed, it is wise to use a skin tonic or astringent, as well as creams. Use cold water, too, because it stimulates the circulatory streams upon which the cells live. Cold water aids the functioning of the glands. When the wrinkling-age arrives, sebaceous glands are likely to go on strike. Rouse them, encourage them to carry on, to fulfill the mission for which they were designed.

The third is to keep the flesh well lubricated so it will not dry out and leave lines.

Creases are the most effective of all cosmetics. Use yours twice a day and they will be your best beauty friend.

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A FAVOURITE FABRIC



By VERA WINSTON

Silk shantung is a sure harbinger of summer fashions, cool and colourful for dresses and suits. Perfect for town wear, is this attractive dress of silk shantung done in pastels or deeper hues. Charming detail is used to point up the pretty neckline, and there is diagonal tucking across the hips, and released fullness flares away towards the sides. Large silver discs, buttons form the front closing.

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KINSEY BOOK IN AUTUMN

Bloomington, Indiana, June 11.

Dr. Alfred Kinsey's new book, "Sexual Behaviour in the Human Female," will be published in the autumn, after 15 years of investigation it was announced here.

Earlier this week, newspaper and magazine editors were given proof of the book to read but they were pledged not to disclose the contents of the book until August 20.

This was mainly to prevent people from "pirating" extracts of the book for publication.

Dr. Kinsey said that he had refused an offer of \$100,000 for exclusive rights to the book. He said that all income from the book would go toward the Kinsey Institute for sex research at Indiana University.

Dr. Kinsey's earlier work, "Sexual Behaviour in the Human Male," took nine years to prepare and sold 250,000 copies.

He said that publication of the book on females had been delayed owing to the volume of information to be collected and analyzed.

"People have advanced many reasons for the delay," he remarked. "Some said it was because of censorship. Others said it was because women would not talk. Others said it was because the women talked too much."—Reuter.

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Manila Senate Candidates

Manila, June 11.

The Liberal Party announced tonight its Senatorial candidates in the November elections.

Heading the eight-man slate is former President Jose P. Laurel who was defeated by President Quirino in the 1949 presidential election.

Mr. Quirino is again this year's standard bearer.

Next to Laurel is Senator Camillo Osas, a Nationalist, who defected to the Liberals after he had lost to former Defense Secretary Ramon Magsaysay in his bid for the Nationalist presidential nomination.

The inclusion of Laurel and Osas in the list ended speculation that they might join the newly formed Democratic Party of Brigadier-General Carlos P. Romulo.

Beas Osas the slate includes three other re-electionists—Senators Gerónimo Peason, Vicente Madrigal and Pablo Angeles David.

The three other candidates are Secretary of Labour Jose Figueras, former Senator Sulpicio Pendatun, and Jacinto Borja, former Governor of Bohol Province.

The announcement of the candidates who were chosen by the 21-man governing committee of the Liberal Party was made at the inauguration of the Party headquarters in downtown Manila.—United Press.

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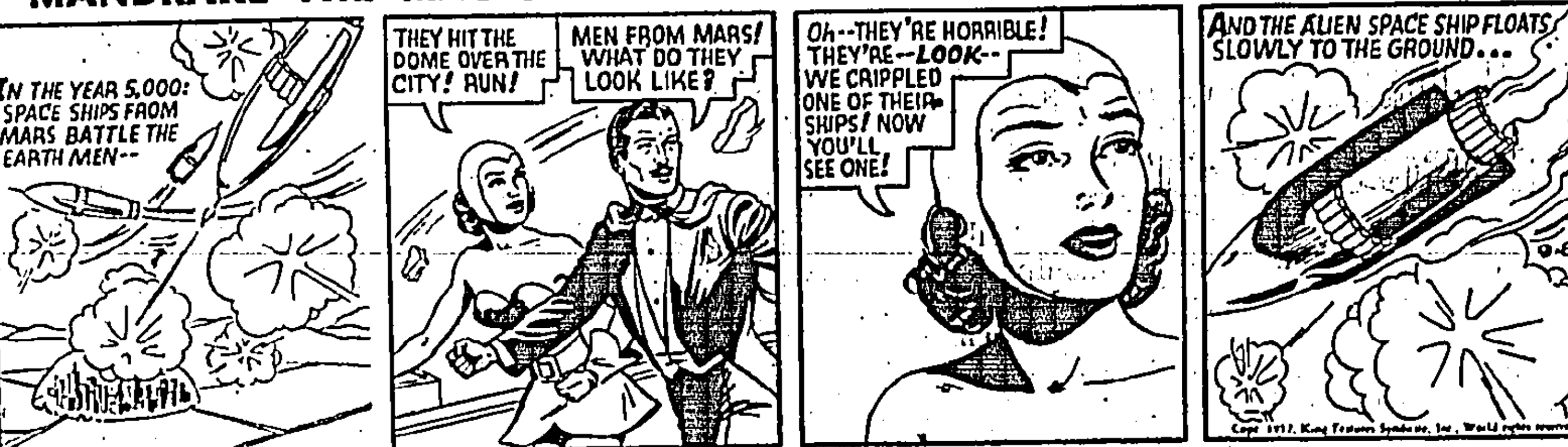
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Violence Follows Italian Election Results

Rome, June 11.

Temper flared by the stalemate Italian elections flamed into violence today and a man was shot dead and four injured in a fight between Communists and Christian Democrats.

The antagonists were quarrelling over the election results, announced last night, which gave Signor Alcide de Gasperi, the Christian Democrat Prime Minister, a majority of only 15 in the lower house and ended five years of political stability.

Angelo Franzini, 21-year-old supporter of Signor de Gasperi, died of bullet wounds. Two of his friends were severely stabbed and two slightly injured.

Police rounded up local Communist leaders.

It happened in the village of Minervino Murge, one of the few Communist strongholds in the poverty stricken south, where Signor de Gasperi has been trying to help the peasants by giving them land once owned by the rich few.

It puts in the limelight the dangerous tension kindled by the uncertainty of the future political situation, though no other incidents have yet been reported.

As the contestants in the political battle bargained between themselves and prepared to sort out the confusion, in dictations were that 72-year-old Signor de Gasperi would continue his role of the past seven years.

MINORITY GOVT
But it seemed likely that he would have a minority government and one that might not last long.

Since he first gained power, the Premier's Christian Democrats have been flanked by three small parties, forming his pro-Western Centre coalition.

The three supporting groups—Social Democrats, Republicans and Liberals—lost heavily in the elections. They dropped from a total of 89 seats to 50 in the two houses of Parliament, the Chamber of Deputies and Senate.

Their executives will meet over the coming weekend and there are indications that they will refuse to join the next government.

Signor de Gasperi is expected to hand in the resignation of his present cabinet on June 25, when the new Chamber of Deputies assembles.

Yet, another development, though minor, troubled the Christian Democrats tonight. A crowd of 400 bill-posters who have worked for the party during the campaign paraded outside the party headquarters demanding a bonus promised to them if the party did well. Police dispersed them, arresting 10.

Commenting on the confusion and declaring that the country needed sweeping reforms, the country's biggest newspaper, the Independent, pro-Centre

Corriere della Sera, said Italy was in almost exactly the same situation as 30 years ago when Mussolini marched on Rome. (In the United States, the Washington Post blamed a number of factors for the situation, including the "bad taste" of the American Ambassador in Rome, Mrs. Claire Booth Luce, who in a speech recently "implied that American aid would end if the Centre coalition were defeated.")—Reuter.

13 More Mau Mau Slain

Nairobi, June 11.
Security forces including Kikuyu Home Guards led by Chief Muiyoyi, who has just returned from attending the Coronation in London, today killed 13 members of a Mau Mau gang in a forest area west of Nairobi.

Security men—police and military supported by 500 Kikuyu Home guards—surprised the gang in the middle of a meal.

One home-made rifle, pangas and swords were captured. General Sir George Erskine, new commander-in-chief East Africa, flew to Nakuru today to make his first on the spot inspection of anti-terrorist forces. His visit coincided with a new phase of the campaign. At dawn specified targets and suspected trouble spots in the Aberdare mountains were intensively bombed by Royal Air Force planes.—Reuter.

Firecrackers Embargo Lifted

Washington, June 11.
The United States Government has lifted its embargo on Chinese firecrackers, it was announced here today.
The American importers had formerly obtained their firecracker supplies from Communist China through Macao, the Portuguese possession on the south coast of China, until a year ago when the American Government forbade such imports to deprive Red China of sources of dollar revenue.—France-Press.

Woodford's Coronation Parade



Ex-Education Minister Invited To Form New French Cabinet

Paris, June 11.

President Vincent Auriol announced tonight he will call on M. Andre Marie, Radical Minister of Education in the outgoing Rene Mayer Cabinet, to try to form a new government and end the three-week-old crisis.

The President made his announcement before receiving M. Marie at the Elysee Palace after a day of conferring with Parliamentary leaders.

M. Marie, a rugged, 55-year-old barrister, tried once before to form a cabinet in February 1949, and has held the justice portfolio in three governments since the war.

He resigned from the Justice Ministry in Henry Queuille's Cabinet in February 1949, through ill health—he contracted lung trouble while a prisoner in the Buchenwald concentration camp.

In foreign affairs he is known as an ardent supporter of the Marshall plan. He has a strong personal reason for his American sympathies—it was General George Patton's United States 3rd Army that freed him from Buchenwald in 1945.

If M. Marie is successful in running the gauntlet of the investiture vote in the Assembly, he will become France's 19th post-war Prime Minister.

UNORTHODOX ACTION
His election would end the nation's most serious political crisis since the second world war—taken drastically in hand today by President Auriol.

The President's unorthodox action today followed the National Assembly's rejection of three premier designates in succession—unprecedented in modern French history. The last to be rejected was M. Georges Bidault, Popular Republican, who early today failed by one vote to be confirmed in office.

With the nation's finances in a critical state and the "Big Three" meeting due to be held in Bermuda in about a fortnight, M. Auriol was trying to bypass the usual formalities of inviting a candidate to form a government and letting him consult party leaders himself. Political observers were saying here today that it began to look as if the National Assembly is too divided to produce any kind of workable majority.

It has rejected a left centre programme proposed by the Radical Pierre Mendes-France. One week later the same Assembly threw out the centre right policies proposed by M. Georges Bidault.

GENERAL ELECTIONS?
To solve the deadlock, there is increasing talk about a dissolution of Parliament and elections in the autumn.

But political quarters here doubted tonight whether the Assembly, which has still three years to run, would be willing to commit "suicide." The outcome of autumn elections would be far too uncertain. And an election, then, would mean that government machinery would be paralysed throughout the whole summer, pending the poll.

Besides the Parliamentary deadlock, there is the grave financial situation that has caused this present crisis to be

Sir Winston Churchill, accompanied by his wife, takes the salute at a civic parade, the second day of the Coronation celebrations in Woodford, his constituency. He is seen here during the march past of the local Girl Guides during the parade.
—London Express.

Latest Official Appointments

The appointments of Mr R. C. Lemmon to be a Justice of the Peace, and Messrs J. Keswick and F. A. Pollock to be Unofficial Justices of the Peace were published in today's Government Gazette.

Other appointments listed were: Mr C. W. Sarason to be Senior Education Officer; Mr R. H. Hughes to be Assistant Superintendent of Crown Lands; Mr Robert Woodward to be Senior Surveyor of Ships; Mr A. V. Currie to be Senior Rating and Valuation Surveyor; Mr J. H. Robertson to be Senior Veterinary Officer during the absence from the colony of Lt.-Col. J. C. Rix; Mr H. H. Todd to be a member of the Port Executive Committee during the absence of Mr R. Frost; Mr F. C. Clemo to be a member of the Traffic Advisory Committee during the absence of Mr C. F. Wood.

It was also notified that Mr Mak Wai-fong has relinquished his appointment as an Assistant Superintendent of the Hong Kong Police Reserve.

The Queen's Exequatur empowering Monsiur Hasan Nurghin to act as Consul-General for Turkey in Hong Kong, and Senor Guillermo Magarido de Castilho to act as Consul for Portugal in the Colony, have received Her Majesty's signature, according to the Government Gazette today.

Mr Badris Alamiah has been recommended by H. E. the Governor as Vice-Consul for Indonesia in Hong Kong, provisionally and pending instructions from the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

It was also notified in the Gazette, that H. E. the Governor has been informed by the Government of India of the appointment of Shri P. R. S. Mani to be the Commissioner for India at Hong Kong.

US Carrier Here

The American escort aircraft-carrier Point Ledge, flying the flag of Texas, arrived at the Victoria Harbour on Thursday morning. In command of the US Carrier Division 17, arrived this morning from northern waters on a recreational visit to the Colony. Also on board the carrier was Rear Admiral N. Goodwin, who will relieve Admiral Eckstrom.

The 12,000-ton (displacement) carrier, under the command of Captain C. C. Marcy, is one of 10 ships of the Commencement Bay Class. She was built at the Todd Shipyard in Tacoma in 1945 at a reported cost of US\$11,000,000. She has an overall length of 533 feet, mounts two five-inch 88-calibre guns and numerous AA guns.

ALLEGED LIBEL: ACTION AGAINST CHINESE PAPER

Hearing of actions for damages for alleged libel against the Truth Daily (Chinese daily evening newspaper) and others was fixed for July 13 and 14 at 9.30 a.m. when the actions were again mentioned before Judge W. A. Blair-Kerr in the Victoria District Court this morning.

Plaintiffs were Lam Yung-fai and Lam Yung-hee, and each claimed damages of \$5,000 for alleged libel arising out of the publication in the issue of the Truth Daily of May 11 of proceedings in an alleged charge of conspiracy against three private detectives before Judge Scholes (as he then was) in the Victoria District Court last month.

The defendants are the Truth Daily, of 223 Des Voeux Road Central, second floor, Tsang Shau-ling, proprietor, Luk Yau-shing, publisher and editor, and the New Asia Printing Press, of 40-51 Gough Street, printers.

According to the statement of claim contained in the writs, the plaintiffs alleged that on the back page of the Truth Daily dated May 11, 1953, under the heading "Case of Private Detectives Charged—Trial Continued This Afternoon, Not Yet Finished (This Paper's Special)," the defendants falsely and maliciously printed and published and caused to be printed and published on the plaintiffs the following words:

"The case against Private Detective Lam Yung-hon and brothers charged for the fabrication of false evidence was again heard in the High Court this morning. Mok Hon-lai gave evidence in Court, and stated clearly what happened that day. It is learned that Lee Sau-yin, the principal witness in the case, had already flown to Singapore. The suspected important criminals in the case are Lam Yung-hon, Lam Yung-fai, Lam Yung-hee, and Lam Yung-tai and Lam Yung-ki. The defendants have engaged the Hon. Leo d'Almeida, barrister-at-law, for defence on a slender basis. One of the criminals in the case, Mok Hon-lai, had confessed his guilt some days ago and was sentenced to nine months in prison. He appeared in Court again this morning, testifying as to how on that day he assisted in the taking of the photograph. Hearing of the case will continue this afternoon."

The woman admitted possession, but the man denied both charges against him. Crown Counsel, Mr Simon Li prosecuting, said that the Police, acting on information, raided the ground floor of 14 Polkadam Road on May 8 and found on a bed in the front cubicle opium, scales and scissors. The occupants of the room were out. As a result of further information the Police went to 62 Second Street, where they saw the second accused entering the house. On the third floor they found him with the woman. Both are arrested and brought back to the first address and shown the opium.

Mr Li said that the second accused was the principal tenant of the cubicle where the opium was found and evidence would be adduced to show that he went there on business regularly for the best part of the day. However it was a matter of inference for the Judge as to whether he knew about the opium.

The case is proceeding.

PLAINTIFFS' CLAIM

The writs further stated that the plaintiffs were neither defendants nor witnesses nor in any way connected with the trial referred to in the said article. They claimed that plaintiffs, in consequence of the said publication, have been seriously injured in their credit and reputations, and have been brought into public scandal, odium and contempt and have suffered damage.

The statements of claim alleged that by the said words the defendants meant, and were understood to mean, that the plaintiffs were persons suspected of a crime, namely, the fabrication of false evidence.

(b) that plaintiffs were important criminals; (c) that plaintiffs were being proceeded against for a criminal offence; (d) that plaintiffs were prisoners pending the hearing of a criminal charge against them; (e) that plaintiffs had committed a criminal offence.

Plaintiffs therefore each claimed damages limited to \$5,000 to bring the actions within the jurisdiction of the District Court, costs and further other reliefs.

Mr P. J. Griffiths, of Wilkinson and Galt, represented the plaintiffs, while Mr P. C. Woo appeared for all defendants.

AMENDMENT SOUGHT
This morning, Mr Griffiths applied for an amendment to the writs in both cases to include the Chinese text of the publication.

Mr Woo said he had no objection.

Continuing, Mr Griffiths said that, if established, the libel was a most grave one, and asked the

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Possession Of Opium Charge

Before Judge W. A. Blair-Kerr at the Victoria District Court this morning, stood a woman, Fong Shuk-ching and a man, Fong Cho, charged with possession of 30 taels of raw opium.

Fong was additionally charged with permitting premises to be used for storing the drug.

Both defendants were represented by Mr J. T. G. Way of Stewart and Co.

The woman admitted possession, but the man denied both charges against him.

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North Borneo, Australia, New Zealand, 5 p.m., Air India.
Siam, India, Pakistan, Great Britain and Europe, 6 p.m., B.O.A.C.
Macao, 6 a.m., 6 p.m., as Lee Hong/Tak Shing.
Singapore, 3 p.m., as Poyang.
Philippines, 3 p.m., as Poyang.
SUNDAY, JUNE 13 By Air

Philippines, Guam, Hawaii, U.S. and Canada, 8 a.m., Air P.A.L.
India, 9 a.m., C.A.
New Zealand, 5 p.m., P.A.A.
Formosa, Okinawa, U.S.A. (Seattle and Western States), Canada, 6 p.m., B.O.A.C.
Siam, Burma, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain and Europe, 6 p.m., B.O.A.C.
Macao, 12 p.m., 6 p.m., as Lee Hong/Tak Shing.
China, People's Republic, 5.30 a.m., 5 p.m., Air India.
Siam, 11 a.m., as India.
Siam, Nakhon, as Poyang.
Macao, 12 p.m., as Lee Hong/Tak Shing.
Great Britain & Europe, Noon, as Poyang.
Malaya 1 p.m., as Anne Dalke.
SUNDAY, JUNE 14 By Air

Japan, 6 p.m., via B.O.A.C.
Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand & Ceylon, 6 p.m., B.O.A.C.
Siam, 11 a.m., as India.
Macao, 2 p.m., as Lee Hong/Tak Shing.

Trooper Returns

The troopship Empiro Orwell returned here this morning from Korea with miscellaneous troops who had completed their tour of duty in Korea and are en route home. The troopship is sailing this afternoon for the United Kingdom with time-expired troops, wives and families of service personnel from Hong Kong.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



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